

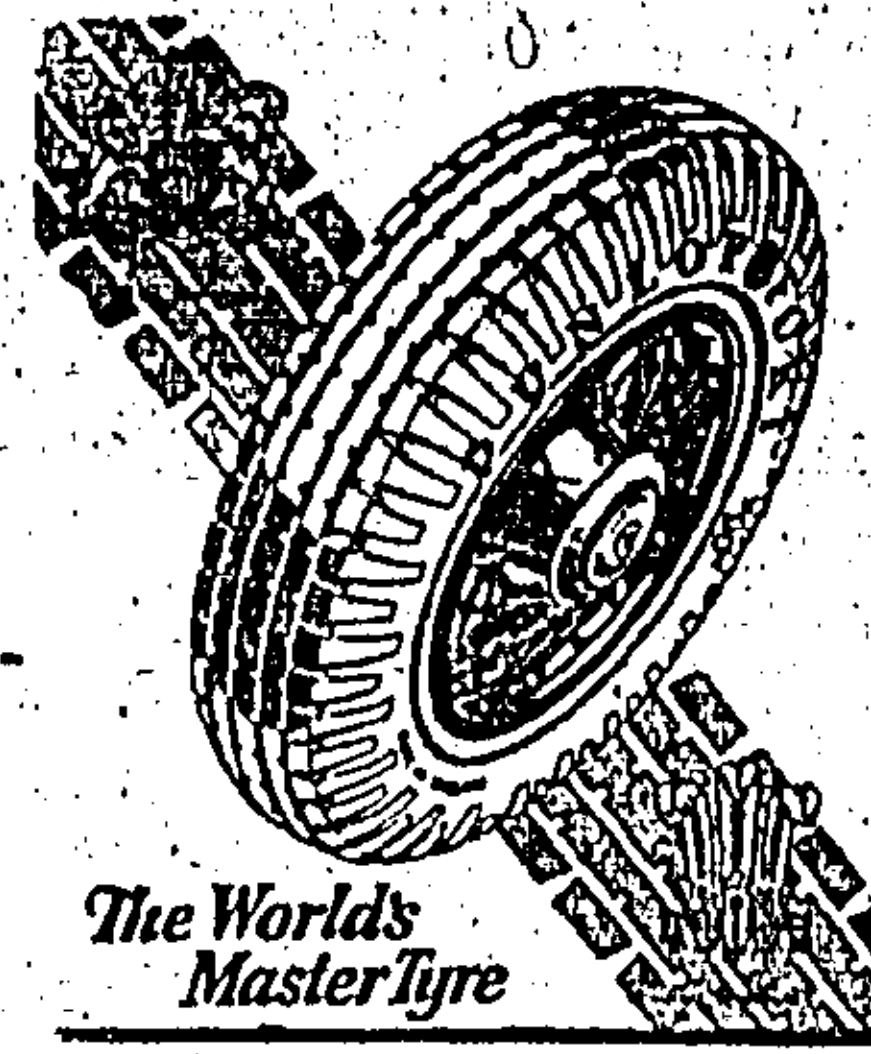
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ANOTHER BLOW TO NAVAL PARLEY

FATE DEPENDS UPON JAPAN BUT NAGANO SHOWS NO HESITANCY TOKYO DELEGATES MAY WITHDRAW

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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London, Jan. 9.
British sources said to-day that Mr. Norman Davis, the chief of the American delegation to the Naval Conference, had held a private conference with Mr. Anthony Eden, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in an attempt to decide whether the naval conversations should continue or adjourn as hopeless.

It is believed that the American spokesman urged that Japan should either demonstrate that she intended to co-operate or assume the responsibility for the conference's failure.

Later, the Japanese delegates met the British at a private conference, and again insisted that their claim of equality of naval armaments must be considered before other proposals, increasing the prospects of a collapse of the whole parley.

Friday's session of the conference has been postponed to permit Viscount Mottist, First Lord of the Admiralty, to sound other powers upon their reactions to the deadlock.—United Press.

DECIDING ITS FATE

London, Jan. 9.
The fate of the Naval Conference is at present being decided at a meeting at the Foreign Office between Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, Viscount Mottist, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Admiral Osumi, Nagano and Mr. Matsuzaki, Nagano of the British delegation, with the object of ascertaining the usefulness of continuing the conference on the present basis. In the event of an adverse decision it is expected the conference will continue without Japan, as the other four powers are near agreement at least in respect of plans for exchanging information on their prospective programmes.

UNSATISFACTORY MEETING

As a result of the unproductive outcome of the afternoon's conversations, the Naval Conference is expected to continue for some days at least. It is understood that the Japanese are still maintaining their desire that the conference revert to discussions of quantitative limitation and a pronouncement on the Japanese parity demand.

It was agreed to postpone to tomorrow's plenary meeting to enable other delegations to be heard as to whether they were agreeable to Japan's demands.

It is pointed out that the British are willing to discuss the parity proposals, but that does not mean that their opposition to the Japanese limit is weakening. They are simply agreeable to discussing the matter further before a pronouncement is finally made.

The next formal meeting of the conference committee will be on Monday evening.—Reuter.

FRIENDLY TALKS

London, Jan. 9.
No meetings of the Naval Conference were held to-day. Informal discussions however, took place between the British and Japanese delegations at the Foreign Office this afternoon. The conversations, which were most friendly and lasted an hour and a half, were understood to be a prelude to the future procedure of the conference.

The Japanese delegates expressed a desire that the discussions should revert to the subject of quantitative limitation pure and simple, and in view of this expression of opinion, it was agreed that the best plan would be to postpone to tomorrow's meeting of the First Committee until Monday. In the meantime, soundings will be taken amongst the other delegations to ascertain whether they will be prepared to acquiesce in this proposal. Informal conversations will consequently take place to-morrow with other powers.

DELEGATES ENTERTAINED

The delegates to the Conference were entertained by His Majesty's Government at a dinner to-night, at which the First Lord of the Admiralty, Viscount Mottist, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and other Ministers were present. In addition



Admiral Osumi Nagano, Japan's chief delegate, on whose shoulders rests the success or failure of the London Naval Conference.

ENORMOUS LOSSES IN PEPPER

SENSATIONAL CASE IN LONDON

PROMINENT MEN CHARGED

London, Jan. 9.

The case was resumed at the Guildhall to-day in respect to the alleged irregularities in the prospectus issued concerning Messrs. James and Shakespear, in which three prominent City men are involved.

The firm named was seriously involved in the recent London pepper market crisis, and the accused men are Garabed Bishirian, a director in the company, James John Howson and Louis Hardy.

At to-day's hearing, Crown witnesses were cross-examined by counsel for the defence.

Mr. Duncan McKellar, who represents the liquidators, replying to Sir Patrick Hastings, who appears for Bishirian, said he knew that the latter had already paid from his own pocket nearly £100,000 to cover the loss on difference.

Replying to Sir William Jowitt, Mr. McKellar said he believed that before the issue of the prospectus, a loss of £200,000 on pepper fell on Bishirian. The loss on pepper after the issue of the prospectus was something like £750,000.

Mr. Andrew Barrie, solicitor and director of a score of companies with which the defendant Howson was connected, said he acted as legal adviser in the incorporation of Williams, Henry and Company. He formed the opinion that the prospectus was perfectly proper and honourable.

The hearing was adjourned.—Reuter.

COUNTRY BUMPKIN

SUNG CHEH-YUAN EXCUSED

(Special to "Telegraph")

Tientsin, Jan. 10.
Japanese diplomatic circles here compare General Sung Cheh-yuan, the chairman of the Hopi-Chang Council, to a country bumpkin coming to the big city for the first time. Naturally he is getting into trouble, they say.

"For this reason we cannot expect him to be the dainty diplomat," the Japanese remark.

They blame General Sung for the recent disturbing incidents at Peking and Tangku, but excuse him in the same breath because of lack of experience.

Consular authorities here deny, as being without the slightest foundation, the report that Japanese troops have occupied Tangku. Foreign neutral residents residing there confirm the denial. The consular officials deplore such false reports.—United Press.

BRITAIN UNREADY FOR WAR

DOCKYARDS WHOLLY INADEQUATE

VICKERS' HEAD STATES CASE

(Special to "Telegraph")

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London, Jan. 9.
General Sir Herbert Lawrence, chairman of Vickers-Armstrong, told the Royal Commission investigating arms traffic, that Great Britain's dockyards and arsenals were wholly inadequate to supply the nation with armaments in the event of war.

He denied that Vickers opposes the reduction of naval armaments and attacked "misleading statements" concerning Sir Basil Zaharoff with Vickers. Sir Basil, since 1934, had not been connected with Vickers, with the exception of his dealing with a Spanish affiliated company.

Sir Herbert admitted that, during the past twenty years, Sir Basil had

LESSONS LEARNED IN STRATEGY

Singapore's Defences Tested By Fleet

Singapore, Jan. 9.

Valuable strategic lessons were learned from combined naval and Royal Air Force manoeuvres off Singapore, which have just concluded.

Warships and aeroplanes from the aircraft-carrier, H.M.S. Hermes, attacked the Singapore Base in order to test the air defences, while R. A. F. squadrons launched a counter-attack from the base.—Reuter.

brought "a vast amount of business to Vickers."

He defended private arms manufacture, arguing that since arms must be modern experiment and research were essential. If the state entered into the business it would be necessary to keep large plants ready with export trade. Moreover, after a prolonged peace most of the production of a state manufacturer would be obsolete.

He declared that Vickers' new anti-aircraft gun was the best made and the manufacturing equipment for this defensive weapon had cost hundreds of thousands of pounds. But Great Britain had not bought one of these guns. The only orders had come from overseas.—United Press.

U.S. WON'T DEVALUE DOLLAR

MORGENTHAU DENIES HARMFUL RUMOUR

BANKHEAD'S DEMANDS

Washington, Jan. 9.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, to-day deprecated the rumours abroad to the effect that further devaluation of the dollar was imminent, the Administration's alleged plan being to offset the effect of the A.A.A. decision.

Indicating his belief that the rumours had been started by some speculator, with ulterior motives, Mr. Morgenthau hinted that for some time the Administration had been studying the extension of the Stabilization Fund, which in the ordinary course of events would expire on January 29.

Currency expansion, to protect farm prices, has been advocated in the Senate by Senator Bankhead in an assault upon the A.A.A. decision by the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, President Roosevelt has conferred with legal advisers, financial experts



John Gilbert, the well-known film star, who has been found dead. He succumbed to heart failure.

NOTED ACTOR PASSES.

JOHN GILBERT DIES IN SLEEP

ILL FOR TWO WEEKS

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Hollywood, Jan. 9.
The well-known screen actor, John Gilbert, was found dead in his home to-day. Apparently death was due to heart failure while he slept.

Gilbert's manager, Mr. Charles Greene, said when he learned of the tragedy "John was ill and took to his bed about Christmas. He had three heart attacks in three weeks."

"His nurse noticed he was in trouble about 7 a.m. and summoned Mr. Madsen, who had been attending him, and a Fire Department squad with an oxygen pump. But John died before they arrived."—United Press.

John Gilbert reached the peak of his career in silent films, and was for some time playing opposite Greta Garbo. It is recalled that he made the silent version of the film "Anna Karenina," with Miss Garbo. The film, in its "talking version," is now showing in Hongkong starting this week-end, with Miss Garbo still in the lead but with Frederic March in the role played by Gilbert formerly.

Gilbert's voice was declared unsuitable for the talking screen, but in spite of this he played some distinguished roles, as in "East Workers."

His real name was John Pringle, and he was born in Logan, Utah, in 1897.

He was married three times. His first wife was Olivia Burwell, his second Leatrice Joy, by whom he had a daughter, and his third was Ina Claire.

RICKSHAMEN RIOT

BEAT OFFICIALS OF MUTUAL AID ASSN.

London, Jan. 10.

Mr. T. L. Chan, General Secretary of the Ricksha Pullers' Mutual Aid Association, and five of his assistants were injured when two hundred ricksha pullers raided the offices of the Association yesterday.

The police were called to deal with the incident, and forty-two demonstrators were arrested, whilst others were evicted from the premises.

Mr. Chan and one assistant were so badly injured that they had to be sent to hospital.—Reuter.

and agricultural leaders on the A.A.A. problem.

Calling the Supreme Court's decision astounding, Senator Bankhead declared: "The President is empowered, and he should exercise his power, to issue currency against all the silver and gold owned by the Government and at present lying idle in the Treasury."—Reuter.

BLACK TROOPS DRIVE NORTH ITALIAN RETREAT ANTICIPATED HEAVY FIGHTING TO WEST OF GORRAHEI

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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Addis Ababa, Jan. 9.

While the heavy rains are affecting the Italian lines of communication in northern Ethiopia making it extremely difficult for the supply columns to move at all, it is unofficially reported in Addis Ababa that the Ethiopian forces are concentrated moving north-east, across the River Takkeze. They are also pressing from the direction of Tembien—and are threatening the Italian lines of communication between Makale and Adowa.

The possibility of an appreciable Italian withdrawal in the north is envisaged and experts in the army at Addis Ababa anticipate that General Graziani, commanding the invading troops in the south, will launch a strong attack from Doko towards the north-west and Ginir, in order to divert attention from the Italians' northern lines.

Pierce fighting has been reported from country west of Gorrahei.—Reuter Special.

ETHIOPIAN SUCCESS

Harar, Jan. 9.

A communique issued here to-day states that Fitauri and Taffari warriors have occupied the Italian post of Karale, following a bloody battle.

The Italian losses were heavy, the communique states. The Ethiopians captured a large supply of ammunition and a portable wireless.—United Press.

AMBULANCE BOMBED

Cairo, Jan. 9.
In addition to attacking an Egyptian ambulance unit at Daggahur several days ago, eight Italian planes bombed and machine-gunned an Egyptian ambulance force at Bolly, seven and a half hours distant from Daggahur, according to a telegram from Prince Ismail Daoud, who is personally directing the work of these Red Crescent units.

The second attack lasted a quarter of an hour, but there were no casualties.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

ITALIAN DENIAL

Rome, Jan. 9.

Official denials have been issued with respect to the reported aerial bombardment of an Egyptian ambulance unit at Daggahur.

The Italians have also denied the report that a large number of deserters had crossed the frontier into Bavaria, Austria and Yugoslavia.

It is pointed out that the frontier is closely guarded and the mountains are covered deep in snow which rendered the journey impossible for all except expert mountaineers.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR ADVANCES

MARKET QUITE STEADY

The Hongkong dollar advanced 1/16th this morning, the Bank's official rate being 1s. 3/7/16d.

Bank rates were about 1s. 3/11/16d. sellers and 1s. 3/13/16d. buyers. The market was quite steady this morning, but very little business was passing.

owners' and unions' representatives on January 23.

No further statement was issued by either side to-day, but it was known that after the Secretary for Mines' reiterated at the interview last night of the Government's unwillingness to consider a subsidy in aid of higher wages, Union officials were going to urge the owners to revise their offers with a view to making them more satisfactory.

The adjournment of the discussion to a later date, and the postponement of the men's decision, given ground for hope that in the opinion of both sides, possibilities of reaching an agreement are not exhausted.—British Wireless.

NEW PARLOPHONE RECORDS.

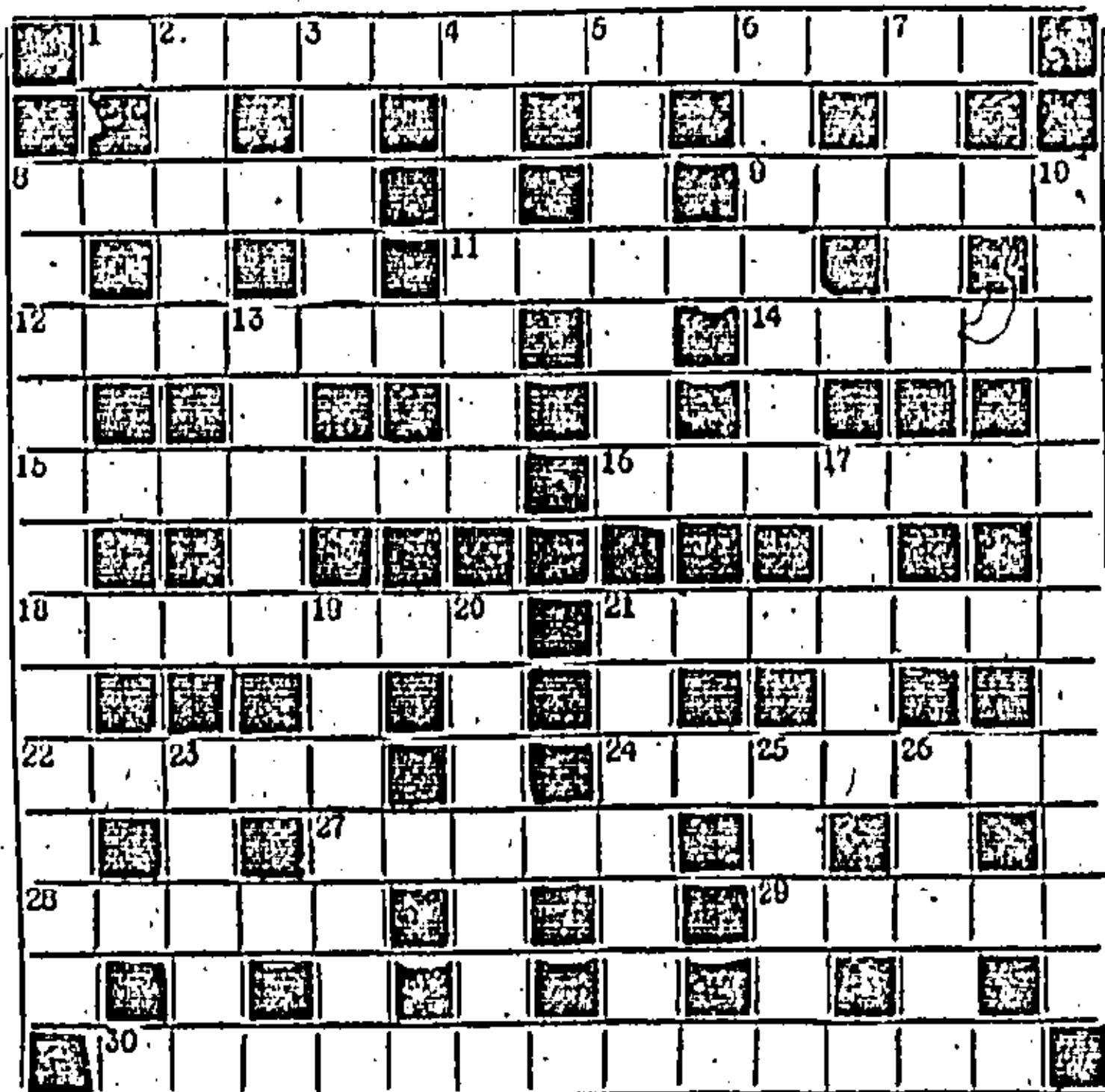
- F289. BROADWAY MELODY OF 1936. Selection. PLEASE TEACHER. Selection. Pianoforte Solos. Patricia Rossborough.
- F292. EVERY NIGHT AT EIGHT. Selection. BIG BROADCAST OF 1936. Selection. Phil Green & His Rhythm.
- F287. SERENADE. (Heykens) VOLGA SONG. (Lehar) Organ Solos. Marcel Palotti.
- F285. WHENEVER I THINK. I FEEL A SONG COMIN' ON. Vocal. Leslie Hutchinson.
- F286. EAST OF THE SUN. MY HEART IS HAUNTED. Vocal. Leslie Hutchinson.
- F283. THE GHOST OF DINAH. F. T. TRUCKIN'. F. T. Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
- F284. OH PETER. PIDGIN-ENGLISH HULA. Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
- F282. GESHWIN FOX TROT. MEDLEY. Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffin.
- R2126. SWING, BROTHER, SWING. F. T. NICKEL IN THE SLOT. F. T. Wingy Mannone & His Orch.
278. LULU'S BACK IN TOWN. F. T. OUTSIDE OF YOU. F. T. (both from "Broadway Gondolier") Harry Roy & His Orch.
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9 Fish.
11 A thought overheard.
12 High voice! Give your three guesses.
14 A Scottish island, yet it cannot be there.
15 Nor's complement.
18 There are coppers in this garment.
21 "With eyes like carbuncles, the Pyrrhus." ("Hamlet").
22 If this insect's tail were longer it would be smaller.
24 Send it (anag.).
27 Some ways in which houses are built.
28 One of ten little ones who's still here.
29 Edge something like butter.
30 Civil servant's warning that ends in kisses (8 hyphen 5).

Down

- 2 Pigment clay.
3 Pertaining to entanglements which no lad makes.
4 Our dance (anag.).
5 What made the car go? This loaded it.
6 Some fly, some crawl; in parties.
7 Takes a good deal of space to write her name.
8 More than surprise.

- 10 The audience shouldn't have heard this (two words, 5, 7).
13 The conductor with it should have a long innings.
17 Substantial.
19 Weed with the root showing.
20 European country (one spell-guess).
21 They preceded taxis.
23 How some lie with impunity.
25 Made of a particular wood in label mentioned.
26 The song that made Cyril go wrong.

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THE LINDBERGH
WELSH NURSE ENGAGED
FOR THEIR SON

Cardiff, Jan. 9.
Col. and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, who recently left the United States to escape from kidnappers and who have settled in South Wales, have en-

gaged a Welsh nurse for their son Jon.
The local press has completely lost interest in the movements of the family.—United Press.

Pelpling, Jan. 9.
The British Minister, Sir Alexander Cadogan has proceeded to Nanking by train where he expects to make a long stay in the capital.—Reuter.

GIRL DECLARES
DEATH-CELL
BRIDE BIGAMOUS

New York, Dec. 22.

ANNA DOWNEY, married in the shadow of the electric chair in a desperate effort to obtain legitimacy for her expected child, may yet be cheated of victory.

Last Wednesday, in one of the grimmest ceremonies ever performed in New York City, she was married to John Collins, convicted of murder during a hold-up.

She thought she thereby became Mrs. John Collins. But now another woman has come forward claiming to be the man's wife, declaring Wednesday's marriage bigamous.

"For The Same Reason"

Ruby Munsel, of New Orleans, says that she married Collins under the name of Schwartz (one of his known aliases) more than a year ago, for the same reason as Miss Downey, and now has an eight-month-old baby.

Investigation is being made to ascertain whether it is a case of mistaken identity.

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LIVERPOOL, JAN. 1.

BRITAIN'S SECOND LARGEST LINER, THE CUNARD-WHITE STAR LINE'S 56,915-TON MAJESTIC, IS FAST NEARING THE END OF HER CAREER.

Once the pride of Imperial Germany, afterwards a symbol of her humiliation, the Majestic is to be offered for sale, probably for breaking up, when she arrives in New York at the end of February.

No official statement is available at the Cunard-White Star offices, but the name of the Majestic does not appear in the revised sailing list for the North Atlantic service.

The Berengaria and the Aquitania will carry on the service until the Queen Mary enters the field on May 27.

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destined to sail under the Imperial flag.

War intervened. She was not completed until 1921. Then she was handed over, prize of the victors, as reparations.

The White Star Line bought her. The Bismarck became the Majestic, and the "red duster" flew at her stern.

Since then she has crossed the Atlantic more than 400 times; steamed a million and a quarter miles. Scores of the world's most famous people travelled in her, welcomed her steadiness, enjoyed her solid luxury, came to look upon her as a friend.

THE SEXTONS

Now her proud days are nearly over. The bright clean paint will be allowed to peel from her sides. Her luxurious fittings will be stripped from her in readiness for the sextons of the shipping world to break her.

Sir John Jarvis, M.P., "fairy god-mother" to the Tyne declared: "When the time comes I shall certainly make a bid for the Majestic and have her broken up at the Jarrow yards."

And that will mean more work for the men who have made ships since ships were made—the Geordies of Tyneside.

HE SCORED OVER
KITCHENER

Few men dared to defy Lord Kitchener. Mr. Sydney A. Moseley, journalist and author, was one of the few. He tells the story in "The Truth About a Journalist," published in London last month.

Mr. Moseley was editor of a Cairo newspaper, the Egyptian Mail. Lord Kitchener was the all-powerful British Resident there.

Mr. Moseley learned that a Russian was being kept in prison without trial. He published a full-page story demanding the man's release. Orders came from Kitchener that the newspaper was not to interfere. Mr. Moseley replied—with a further article.

Kitchener himself spoke to Moseley. The editor's reply was yet another article. London heard. The question was raised in the Commons. "That," says the author, "was all I wanted. It did the trick."

Survived
Two Wars—
Killed At
Fireside

An ex-sergeant-major who fought through the Boer War and the Great War without being wounded died at his own fireside last month as a result of an explosion.

The veteran was William Hall (64), of Brightmore Street, Sheffield. He was sitting in front of the fire with his wife, and while bending down to light his pipe there was an explosion in the fire. Pieces of coal hit him on the face and chest, one piece piercing his lungs.

When Mrs. Hall went to her husband's assistance there was a second explosion and she received slight injuries.

The fire brigade and police were unable to explain the cause of the explosion.

NO COWARD



No coward is Jean Batten, but the 25-year-old air-woman confessed that she felt very lonely and frightened flying all alone over the ocean, especially when her compass temporarily went out of order. Miss Batten's hop from Africa to South America took her 12½ hours.

Miss 1936
Will Be
Red-Head:
Vampish

Paris, Jan. 1.

Beauty specialist Helena Rubinstein, just back in Paris from the United States, foretells that Miss 1936 will look like this:

Vampish.
Red-haired.
Very pale of complexion.
Heavily shadowed around the eyes.
Very red-lipped.
And that she will favour emeralds.—Reuter.

HENS "SMUGGLED" THEIR
EGGS INTO GERMANY

A Way to Defeat Import Duties

SEVERAL thousand hens, accused of smuggling their own eggs from Holland to Germany, were yesterday acquitted at Rothenbach of intent to defraud the German Customs authorities.

But eight poultry farmers responsible for them—less fortunate—were given five months' imprisonment each.

Their farms all lie on the German-Dutch frontier, partly in Holland, partly in Germany. The farmers were anxious to sell their eggs to Germany, where prices are high.

But if the eggs were produced in Germany the hens, to avoid the import duty, had to be fed on expensive German food. If they were fed in Holland, on cheap food, their eggs had to pay German import duty.

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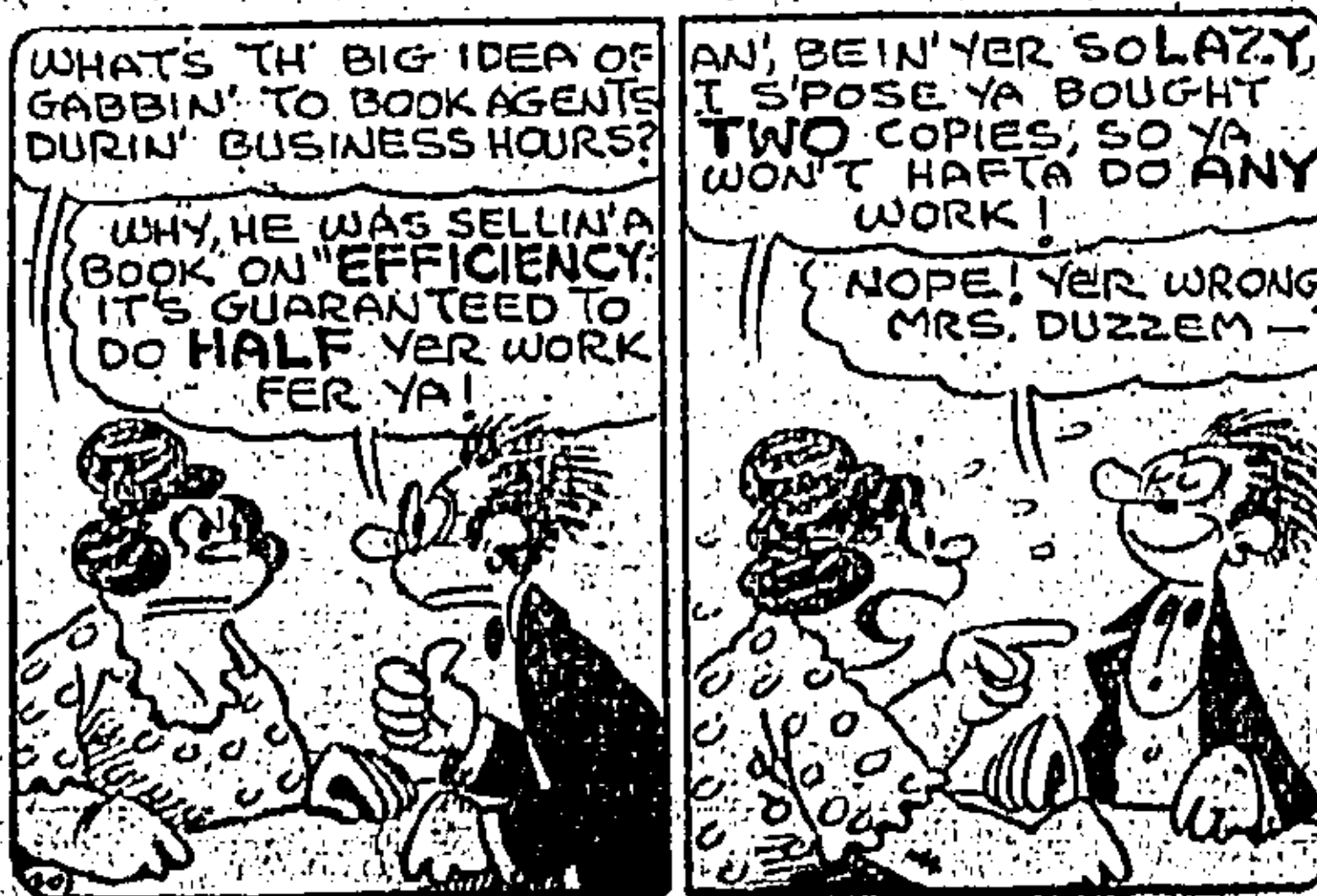
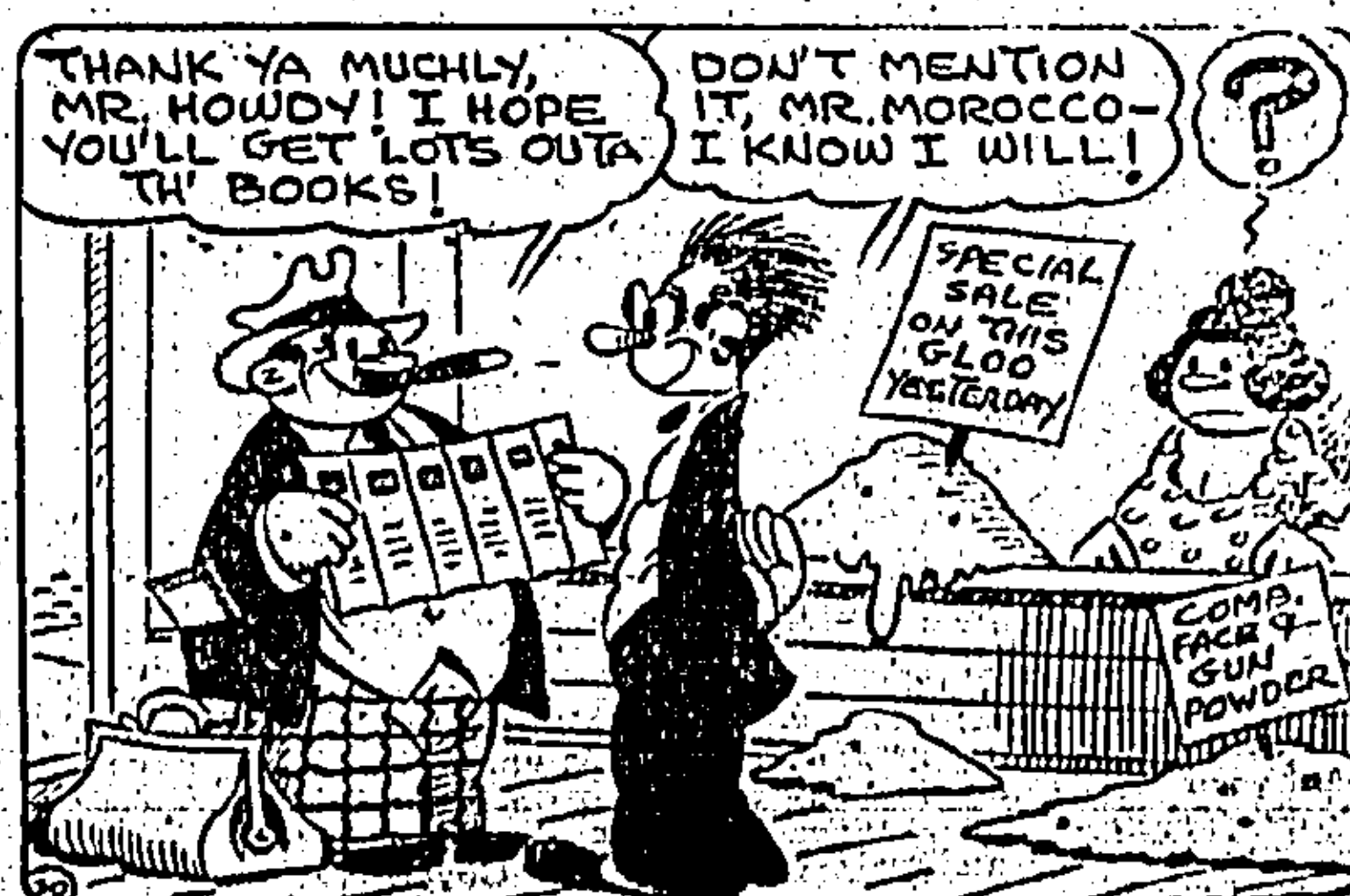
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MUST WE BUILD A BIG NAVY

(Continued from Page 6.)

based squarely on a political settlement. The Washington naval conference recognized American and British political interests in China as being coequal with Japan's by guaranteeing to each western power a navy theoretically equal to Japan's in combat strength in Asiatic waters. The ratio of 5 to 3 assumed the continued rights of both America and Britain to a primary stake in China. This was particularly true as respects the United States, since the British predated their naval power on a world empire while the United States has always based her needs more directly on the Far East.

So long as Japan was satisfied with mere equality with the United States in Asia this 1922 settlement proved satisfactory. But over the past five years Japan has built up a claim to actual hegemony in the Far East, insisting, by inference if not by outright statement, upon both political and economic domination of China. An inseparable corollary was the formal denunciation of the inferior naval ratio and a demand for actual parity to ensure complete naval superiority in Asiatic waters.

An evidence that she had no aggressive designs outside of her own "sphere of influence," Japan then proposed the abolition of all aircraft carriers and capital ships and a reduction in the number of 10,000-ton cruisers—a device which in her view would make each (Japan and the United States) secure in its own immediate territorial waters, and at the same time preclude any possibility of an attack across the Pacific.

THE United States refuses flatly to consider such a withdrawal from Asia. Politically it stands on the 1922 settlement, the nine-power



SUNDAY at the STAR.

and the open door to China. It refuses to recognise diplomatically the accomplished fact of Japanese aggression in Manchuria, insists on the maintenance of "the equilibrium of political and economic rights" established in 1922, and denies the right of Japan to alter this "equilibrium." It clings tenaciously in theory to a balance of power in the Far East which it shares equally with Japan and Britain.

This doctrine clearly implies American naval strength sufficient at least to challenge Japan on terms of potential equality in her own waters. The result is seen in American opposition to all proposals, whether from Japanese or British sources, involving any decrease in the size of ships.

AN even more pointed answer to Japan's bid for dominance in the Far East has been the rapid development of American aviation in the Pacific. Guam, Midway and Wake Islands have been developed as commercial air bases by Pan American Airways. But already the navy's fliers have started to follow its route westward. Squadrons of the American navy's superb and probably unequalled air force have for over a year been experimenting with mass flights west and north of Hawaii. Meanwhile the army is preparing air bases in the Aleutians. Already perhaps over-enthusiastic air officers are hinting that the time is near when American military aviation will dominate that vast triangle of the Pacific Ocean bounded by the line from Hawaii to Guam to Unalaska in the Aleutians and back to Hawaii.

The naval conference delegates at London are facing these two problems—the European and the Pacific—almost helplessly. So far as is known all consideration of the political background has been ruled out of the agenda. The task, therefore, is to find a key to problems of technical naval competition without being permitted to touch the bases of political rivalry on which they rest.

Inevitably, in view of such a situation, hope has been almost

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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entirely abandoned of continuing the system of quantitative limitation which kept the world's navies within specific bounds during the decade following the Washington conference. Instead, efforts are being concentrated on the possibility of qualitative limitation, with continuance of the maximum tonnage limits per ship in each category now in effect. There would be freedom to build any amount of total tonnage under such a system, but at least the race would not develop along the lines of progressively larger and larger ships.

BEFORE the World War battleships cost about £80 a ton. America's new treaty cruiser Indianapolis cost £310 a ton, while Germany's Deutschland set the record of £330 a ton. The race is



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already in in this respect as the world's first collective effort at naval disarmament approaches its termination date and calls for a sequel.

If the London conference succeeds in putting some limits on the size of ships it will be a gain for peace, but only a palliative to naval competition and the fundamental rivalries among the nations. The will to peace appears at an ebb and the will to power ascendant. Naval competition may be controlled, but it can be prevented only when Japan and the United States compose their rivalry for dominance in the Far East and when Europe adopts peaceful means instead of guns for assuring raw materials and markets to its component nations.

The naval problem is so completely interwoven with the political problem that it is impossible to treat them fundamentally apart. For a solution there must be a more living, world-wide will to peace and there should be a conference or series of conferences to adjust political differences. When China's open door and Europe's problem of raw materials are included in the agenda of a naval conference then the nations may hope for a new naval holiday. Until then taxes will go up to pay for new battleships.

21 YEARS AGO

Extracts From the "Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended January 16, 1915.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9.3/16d.

Mr. Pedro Botelho was admitted a partner in Messrs. Botelho Bros.

The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral of Surgeon Taylor, of the Royal Naval Hospital, and Miss Veronica Paterson.

The engagement was announced of Lieut. P. Fonblanque, R.E., and Miss Stella May, eldest daughter of H.E. the Governor and Lady May.

The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral of Dr. Oswald Marriott and Miss Gladys E. Murray.

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INWARD MAILS

Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 19th Dec. 1935)	Carthage	January 10.
Hai Phong	G. G. Paul Doumer	January 10.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 21st December)	Pres. Jefferson	January 10.
Japan	Tungo Maru	January 10.
Shanghai	Galou	January 11.
Manila	General Fehring	January 11.
Saigon	Marchal Joffre	January 11.
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	January 11.
Straits and Air Mail ex "Imperial Service" (London, 28th Dec.)	Philoctetes	January 12.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tsinan	January 12.
Manila	Glaucus	January 13.
Japan	Serulo Maru	January 13.
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	January 13.
Shanghai	Andre Lebon	January 14.
Japan	Bengal Maru	January 14.
Shanghai	Sarpedon	January 14.
Calcutta, Straits and Air Mail ex "Imperial Service" (London, 31st December, 1935)	Kumsang	January 15.
Japan and Shanghai	Shuttag	January 15.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 28th December 1935)	Talma	January 15.
Straits	Kitano Maru	January 15.
Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Canada	January 16.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 20th Dec.)	Hakone Maru	January 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	January 17.
Japan	Pres. Monroe	January 17.
Java and Manila	Chichibu Maru	January 18.
Straits and London Parcels (London, 12th December 1935)	Durban Maru	January 18.
Straits	Tijonndari	January 18.
	Memnon	January 19.
	Victoria	January 19.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
	Friday.	
Amoy	Tijsdane	Fri., Jan. 10, 12.30 p.m.
Port Bayard	Tai Poo Sek	Fri., Jan. 10, 1.30 p.m.
Hai Phong	Canton	Fri., Jan. 10, 2.00 p.m.
*Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Fri., Jan. 10, 3 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Fri., Jan. 10, 3 p.m.
	Saturday.	
Letters for "Imperial Service" (Due London, 24th January.)	Carthage	Sat., Jan. 11.
Letters for "K.L.M. Service" (Due Amsterdam, 24th January.)		
Letters for "Singapore-Australia Service" (Due Darwin, 21st January.)		
Reg., Jan. 10, 4.30 p.m.	Reg., Jan. 11, 9 a.m.	
Letters, Jan. 11, 9 a.m.	Letters, Jan. 11, 9.30 a.m.	
Shanghai and Japan	Marchal Joffre	Sat., Jan. 11, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, Carthage		Sat., Jan. 11.
East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Due Marseilles 7th February)		
K. P. O.	G. P. O.	
Parcels, Jan. 10, 4.30 p.m.	Parcels, Jan. 10, 5 p.m.	
Reg., Jan. 11, 9 a.m.	Reg., Jan. 11, 9.30 a.m.	
Letters, Jan. 11, 10 a.m.	Letters, Jan. 11, 10.30 a.m.	
Australia (except places North of Brisbane) and New Zealand via (To connect with the s.s. "Nieuw Singapore and Brisbane Holland" at Singapore, leaving Singapore, on 17th January.)		
Reg., Jan. 11, 8.45 a.m.	Letters, Jan. 11, 9.30 a.m.	
Hai Phong, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kingyuan	Sat., Jan. 11, 1.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	Sat., Jan. 11, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kwangtung	Sat., Jan. 11, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, *San Francisco and General Fehring		Sat., Jan. 11.
*Europe via Siberia	Parcels, Jan. 11, 3 p.m.	
(Due San Francisco, 3rd February.)	Reg., Jan. 11, 4.15 p.m.	
	Letters, Jan. 11, 5 p.m.	
	Sunday.	
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan	Sun., Jan. 12, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Jan. 12, 9 a.m.
	Monday	
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and G. G. Paul Doumer		Mon., Jan. 13, 1 p.m.
Haiphong		
	Tuesday.	
Batavia	Tjikembang	Tues., Jan. 14, 9.30 a.m.
Letters for "Air Orient Service" (Due Marseilles, 27th January)	Andre Lebon	Tues., Jan. 14.
K. P. O.	G. P. O.	
Reg., Jan. 13, 4.30 p.m.	Reg., Jan. 14, 9 a.m.	
Letters, Jan. 14, 9 a.m.	Letters, Jan. 14, 9.30 a.m.	
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, Emp. of Japan		Tues., Jan. 14.
U.S.A. *Central and *South America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C. (Parcels for Canada only) and *Europe via Siberia	Parcels, Jan. 13, 5 p.m.	
(Due Vancouver, B.C., 1st February)	Reg., Jan. 14, 9.15 a.m.	
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, Andre Lebon	Letters, Jan. 14, 10 a.m.	
East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Due Marseilles 10th February)		Tues., Jan. 14.
K. P. O.	G. P. O.	
Reg., Jan. 14, 9 a.m.	Reg., Jan. 14, 9.45 a.m.	
Letters, Jan. 14, 10 a.m.	Letters, Jan. 14, 10.30 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Tues., Jan. 14, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A. *Central and *South America, *Canada and *Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Cleveland	Tues., Jan. 14.
(Due San Francisco, 4th Feb.)	Parcels, Jan. 14, 3 p.m.	
	Reg., Jan. 14, 4.15 p.m.	
	Letters, Jan. 14, 5 p.m.	
	Wednesday.	
Foochow via Swatow	Chungking	Wed., Jan. 15, 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, Sarpedon		Wed., Jan. 15.
East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Due Marseilles 10th February)		
K. P. O.	G. P. O.	
Reg., Jan. 14, 4.30 p.m.	Reg., Jan. 15, 8.45 a.m.	
Letters, Jan. 15, 9 a.m.	Letters, Jan. 15, 9.30 a.m.	
Amoy	Tainan	Wed., Jan. 15, 3.30 p.m.
	Thursday.	
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	Thurs., Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
	Friday.	
Amoy	Kumsang	Fri., Jan. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Klungchow	Fri., Jan. 17, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., Jan. 17, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Fri., Jan. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Hakone Maru		Fri., Jan. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Siberia	Pres. Monroe	Fri., Jan. 17, 5 p.m.
	Saturday.	
Sandakan	Hinsang	Sat., Jan. 18, 10.30 a.m.

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FATAL SEQUEL
TO BRAWLFUSILIER'S DEATH
INQUIRY

The death of Fusilier Oliver Roberts on Christmas Day following a fight at the China Fleet Club the previous night was the subject of a Coroner's inquiry conducted by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when a verdict of "homicide by misadventure" was returned.

The jury were Messrs. C. Austin, foreman, P. H. Osborne and D. L. Newbigging. Captain D. J. Grey represented the Royal Marines, and Lt. Hon. G. R. Clegg-Hill, represented the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Opening the inquiry, Mr. Schofield said it was being held to consider the circumstances in which a soldier, Oliver Roberts, of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, was killed in a fight at the China Fleet Club on December 24. He stated that Roberts was killed by a fall back-ward, and that the cause of death was a fracture of the skull, the result of which he died. They (the jury) had to determine the cause of death and whether any person caused it and what blame, if any, should be attached to such a person.

Medical Testimony

Dr. R. S. Begbie, medical officer in charge of the Victoria military, said that on December 25 at 10.30 a.m. he examined the body of the deceased. Externally he found bruising of the left cheek, and a superficial abrasion outside the left angle of the mouth. The inside of the cheek was bruised. On the back of the head he found a bruise, and a fracture of the skull, approximately 2 1/2 inches in diameter. Internally he found considerable haemorrhage between the surface of the brain and membranes covering it, both over the vertex and the base. There was a fracture of the base of the skull, about 1 1/2 inches in length. The stomach contained a brown fluid which smelt of alcohol. He sent the stomach contents, and other specimens, to the Government Analyst, who reported the presence of alcohol. Death was due to fracture of the skull and cranial haemorrhage resulting from a blow at the back of the head, possibly received owing to a fall. The blow, on the left side of the head, might have been caused by a blow. He thought the deceased had definitely been under the influence of alcohol, and would probably have been very unsteady on his feet. He did not consider any treatment could have averted death. The blow, on the left side of the head, might have been caused by a blow. A man under the influence of liquor would be more likely to fall heavily and less likely to make any movement to save himself than a man not under the influence of liquor.

Captain A. P. Trimble, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, said that Roberts was brought to the Military Hospital at 4.30 a.m. on December 25. He judged he had been dead about one and a half hours as the pupils were partially dilated and did not react to light, and rigor mortis was setting in.

Stoker's Evidence

Stoker Thomas Dixon, H.M.S. Tamar, said that on December 24 he was on duty in the ship till 3.50 p.m. He then left the ship with another stoker and they went to the China Fleet Club. They went into the restaurant and had tea and then went up to the bedrooms, where he had a bath and shaved and got changed. It was then about 6.40 p.m. and he went down into the restaurant and had supper. There were about fifteen of the ship's company having dinner together. He had no alcohol to drink during his supper or before it. After supper he went up to his bedroom again and read a book until 9 p.m. He then had a wash and went down to the bar where he had a pint of beer. Two marines came along and sat at his table, and a little later another joined them. They sat talking and shortly after someone drew his attention to the next table at which were civilians and soldiers and also a seaman from the American yacht, Lollada.

The seaman, continued the witness, was pretty drunk, and took a \$10 note out of his pocket and showed it to the two marines. He put the note on the table and someone stole it. When the "boy" came round to collect the money for the drinks, the seaman was told he had not paid for them. A civilian then went over to the seaman, and as he was passing the table, asked him (Dixon) whether he could sit at their table with the seaman. He agreed, and then got talking with the seaman who complained to him about being robbed, and asked him if he would help him to get outside. He took the seaman outside and put him into a rickshaw and directed the rickshaw coolie to take him to the Police Cantonment in the dockyard.

As the seaman had previously told him his chum had gone there.

How Trouble Started

After that, continued Dixon, he went into the lavatory and there saw two soldiers knocking a civilian about. He told them to play the game, as it was not sporting for two men to knock one about. The civilian appealed to him for assistance, and he took him outside, put him into a rickshaw and returned to the bar. One of the soldiers who had been fighting then came and stood behind him. He thought perhaps that the soldier might strike him from behind, so stood up and asked him if he wanted anything. The soldier replied no, no he told him to shove off. The soldier went over to his pal—the other soldier whom he had seen fighting—and they stood by the counter. They beckoned to him to come over and asked him if he wanted trouble. He replied no. They then put their arms around his shoulders, and he thought that this meant they wanted to be friendly, but instead they both of them tried to strike him at the same time and they did not succeed. "I put my hand up and it was between a hit and a shove, and it came in contact with one of the soldiers on the face. He went against the counter and fell on his back. I then tried to blow with the other soldier and throw him over my hip. Two civilians then came and asked me to sit down which I did. The soldier that I threw over my hip got up and asked me outside to fight. I refused to go outside as I thought he might have friends waiting for me. But I asked him to step into the lavatory. After that he left the building, I believe. I did not see what happened to the soldier who fell against the counter. Both soldiers were drunk, and were in uniform. Up to the time of the incident I was on my third pint of beer and lemonade—a "strong" top. I was struck by the second soldier when he took me on."

Continuing, witness said that the two soldiers were the two who had been at the table with the American seaman earlier on. He could not say with which hand he had struck the soldier. When the Naval Authorities made enquiries about the matter he came forward. He interfered, and rescued the American seaman, and the civilian because both of them were drunk.

Comrade's Story

Fusilier John Thomas said that on December 24 he left barracks about 6.30 p.m. alone. He went to the Soldiers' Club and there met Oliver Roberts. He had a few drinks of beer there and they then left about 8 p.m. and went to the China Fleet Club, where they drank till about 10 p.m. Then they left their table and went up to the bar. He left Roberts and sat down at a table near-by. The next thing which happened was that he saw a sailor come up to Roberts. A few words passed between them, and the sailor then struck Roberts who fell down and hit the head on the floor. He (witness) helped to carry Roberts who was vomiting and bleeding from the head out to the passageway. They then got a taxi and took Roberts to the Medical Inspection room where he left Roberts and reported to the barracks at 10.10 p.m.

Witness further stated that he had four bottles of beer at the China Fleet Club. Roberts had about eight bottles of beer at both Clubs, and was drunk at the time of the incident, but he himself was sober. He had two bottles of beer at the Soldiers' Club. He did not know of any other squabbles that night. He had exchanged blows with the sailor, who was quite sober. He did not remember anything of an American seaman in the China Fleet Club.

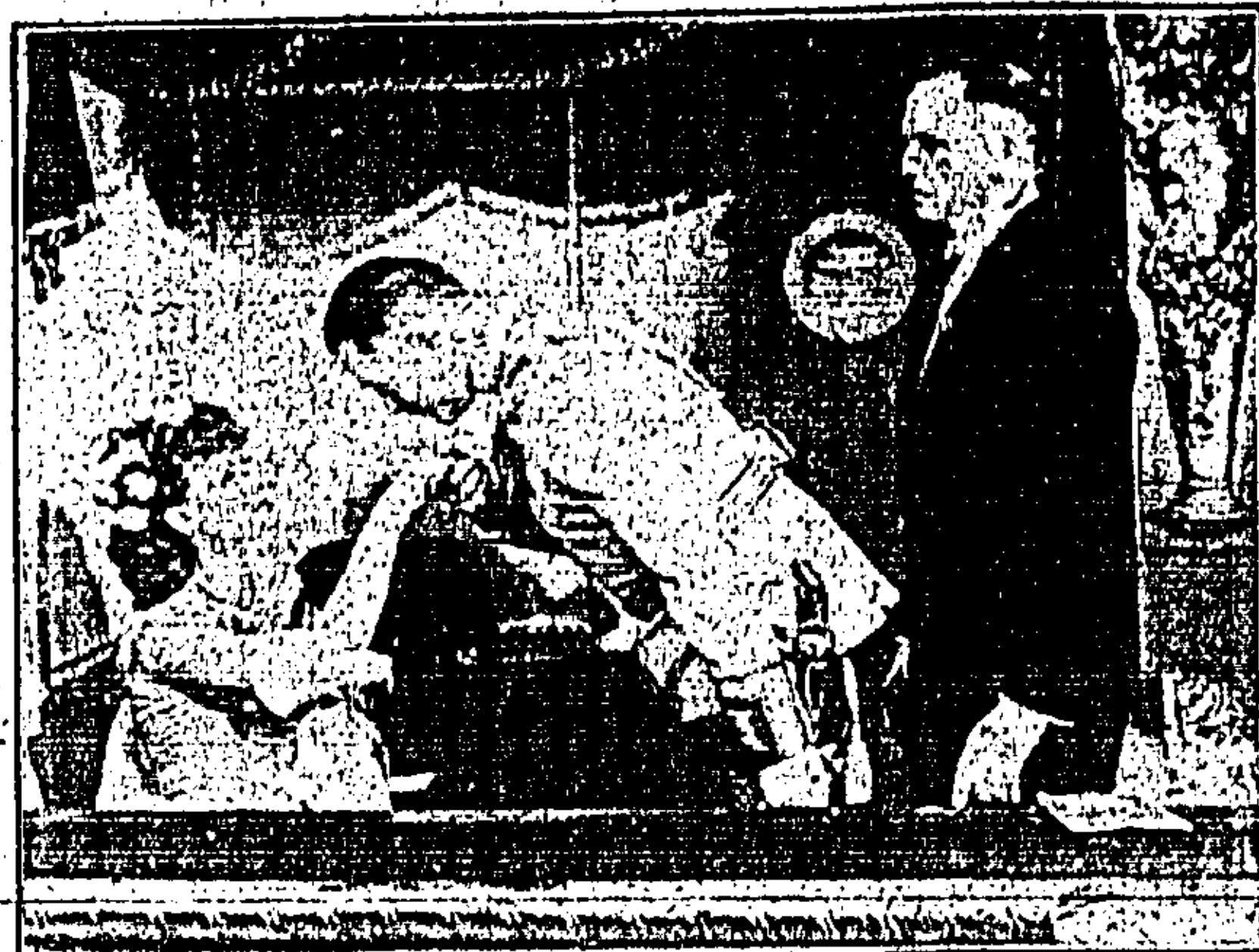
Did Not Think It Serious

Corporal G. F. Clark, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who attended Roberts at the medical inspection room, said he dressed the wound at the back of his head. He did not think Roberts was seriously enough hurt to be sent to hospital, and asked his pals to see him to bed. Entry in the morning he received a telephone call from the barracks saying the man was ill and that an ambulance must be sent. He sent the ambulance, and a little later the driver called him to say that the man was much worse than he thought. He went to the barracks and found Roberts to be dead. Roberts was not bleeding from his nose or ears when first brought in. He had thought the man was unconscious owing to being badly knocked about, and to his drinking.

Lance-Corporal W. R. D. Morgan, who was informed by a military policeman, whom he had sent with another about 3.20 a.m. to see that there were no absentees from the barracks, that there was a man in one of the rooms very white and rather cold and stiff. He went to the room and saw Roberts, and seeing there was something very wrong telephoned for the ambulance. When the ambulance arrived at 4.10 a.m., the medical corporal said it was too late.

Coroner's Summing-Up

Marine R. J. Tolman, of H.M.S. Tamar, corroborated Stoker Dixon's story in almost every detail. Mr. Schofield in the course of his summing-up, said that the story told by Dixon was corroborated by Marine



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U.S. COMMODITY
PRICESLATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters.

New York Cotton		Jan. 9.
March	11.14	10.90/93
May	10.82	10.51/51
July	10.60	10.25/25
October	10.12	9.80/83
December (1936)	10.10	9.70/76
Spot	11.00	11.86

New York Rubber		Jan. 9.
March	14.66	13.90b/98a
May	14.21	14.11b/13a
July	14.36a	14.27/28
September	14.50	14.42b
December	14.75a	14.54/64
Total sales	250 lots.	

Chicago Wheat		Jan. 9.
May	102 1/2	101 1/2/101 3/4
July	89 1/2	88 1/2/88 3/4
September	87 1/2	87 1/2/87 1/2
Wednesday's sales	26,308,000 bushels.	

Chicago Corn		Jan. 9.
May	61 1/2	61/60 1/2
July	62	61 1/2/61 1/2
September	62	61 1/2/61 1/2
Wednesday's sales	5,335,000 bushels.	

Winnipeg Wheat		Jan. 9.
May	88 1/2	88/88
July	88 1/2	88 1/2/88 1/2
October	87 1/2	87/87

New York Silk		Jan. 9.
March	1.98 1/2	1.94/94
May	1.97 1/2	1.94 1/2/94 1/2
July	1.97	1.93/94
Total sales	116 lots.	

WATER RETURNS

RESERVOIRS FULLER DESPITE
DECREASED RAIN

The monthly returns from the Public Works Department of the state of the Colony's reservoirs show that both the mainland and the island supplies of water are well over the corresponding figures for the end of 1934, although the rainfall for whole of last year was 71.320 inches, being 26.345 inches less than for 1934.

The returns show that on December 31, 1935, the Colony's reservoirs held 1,775.11 million gallons against 1,768.03 million gallons in December, 1934. In the city and hill district, 295.08 million gallons, including 44.42 million gallons supplied from the mainland, were consumed by an estimated population of 427,200, equalling a rate of 22.3 gallons per head per day. This compares with a consumption of 22.86 million gallons consumed by an estimated population of 390,750 at a rate of 24.2 gallons per head per day, the previous year. Last month an additional amount of 13.61 million gallons was supplied to island villages.

The mainland waterworks show a content of 625.33 million gallons against 573.12 for December 31, 1934. Last month 189.30 million gallons were consumed by an estimated population of 340,400 at a rate of 27.5 gallons per head per day. This compares with a consumption of 195.48 million gallons consumed by an estimated population of 335,600 at a rate of 18.8 gallons per head per day in December 1934.

An additional amount of 7.29 million gallons was supplied to Litchikok waterboat dock. A 15-hour supply was given to the whole Colony during last month. In December 1934, a constant supply was available.

Tolman, and it struck him as being a consistent and reasonable story. The evidence on the other side, however, seemed to vary a good deal, which he inferred might probably have been due to the condition of the witnesses at the time of the event. Deceased himself contributed to his serious accident by his own conduct, which was quite obviously that of a man who had taken a great deal more of drink than was good for him.

The question then (the jury) had to consider was whether the act of striking the soldier was of a character which amounted to manslaughter or whether it amounted to something less than manslaughter. If it was something less, it might be classed as excusable homicide or justifiable homicide. In this case according to the evidence of Marine the deceased and his friend appeared to have been in an aggressive mood, and if they were of the opinion that the action of the stoker was not a vicious one, then he thought they should return a verdict of homicide by misadventure.

SCOTTSBORO CASE

NOT TO BE TRANSFERRED
TO FEDERAL COURT

Do Caturra, Jan. 9. Circuit Judge W. W. Callahan has denied the defence motion for the transfer of the Scottsboro negroes case to the Federal Court.—United Press.

The Scottsboro negro cases are among the most famous assault cases in American history. Nine negroes are charged with criminally assaulting Mrs. Victoria Price and Ruby Bates, white girl "hoboes" on a freight train near Scottsboro on March 25, 1931.

According to the story of the women the attack occurred in a coal car of the southern railway train in Jackson County, between Stevenson and Paint Rock, Alabama.

The two women, dressed in men's clothing, were hiding in the car with seven white men. In the car ahead were twelve negroes. Taunts led to a fight and all but one of the white men were thrown out. The men telephoned to Scottsboro asking that the negroes be arrested for carrying concealed weapons.

The train had passed Scottsboro, but a telephone call resulted in the formation of a posse at Paint Rock, which stopped the train and took from it nine negroes.

According to the women, between Stevenson and Paint Rock the negroes

ESPIONAGE CHARGE

TRIAL OF GERMAN NOVELIST
POSTPONED

London, Jan. 9. At the Old Bailey to-day the case against Hermann Gortz, a German novelist who is charged with espionage around British R.A.F. Aerodromes, who was arrested at Margate on December 3, has been formally postponed until the next sessions.

This was on the application of counsel for the defence, who pointed out the difficulty which the accused had had in obtaining money from Germany for his defence, and the necessity for comparing the translations of the documents figuring in the case with the German originals.—Reuter.

hold them intimidating them with a knife, and assaulted them.

At the first trial Mrs. Price identified the negroes whom she said attacked her and those who attacked her companion. Each negro denied the charge, but gave evidence incriminating the others.

Early last year the Supreme Court quashed the indictments against the negroes, holding that the indictments and former conviction were illegal, because no negroes had been impanelled for service on either the Grand Jury which indicted them or the trial judges which sentenced them to death. New warrants were sworn against defendants in August.

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TEXTILE INDUSTRY HOURS

Important deliberations on the question of working hours in the textile industry—a matter which concerns the Far East and the West as well—marked the recent conference of the International Labour Office in Geneva. The delegates were divided on the desirability of placing on the agenda for the 1936 conference the application of the 40-Hour Week Draft Convention to the industry. Chief objection to this procedure came from the British Government delegate, who contended that the textile industry is so large and important that it ought to be dealt with by itself along lines which take account not only of the reduction of hours, but conditions in general. Despite the opposition, however, the conference decided by a substantial majority that the subject be dealt with at this year's gathering. The British Government viewpoint is based on the consideration that this is a complex international question, calling for the attention not only of the I.L.O. but of Governments and employers' and workers' organisations. Actually, there is a national, a Western, an Oriental and a world problem involved, and the British spokesman at the conference contended that there should be a conference of Governments, workers and employers on the whole question. This suggestion, however, is not supported by the British trade unionists. It is interesting to note that at the conference debate, the Japanese Government delegate agreed with the British Government contentions, but the French and American delegates took the opposite view. One of the suggestions put forward was that the industry, in view of its complexity, should be divided into three groups—wool and cotton, natural and artificial silk, and linen, hemp and jute—but the conference decided to take up the issue as a whole, and by a narrow majority the Governing Body of the I.L.O. agreed to draw up a report so that the conference can, if it so wishes, deal with the question in a single discussion, instead of the procedure of two discussions with a year between each, which is still usual in matters of this kind. Accordingly, in order to prepare the ground and co-ordinate the requirements of the different branches of the industry, a consultation of experts is to be held next month. These experts will be chosen by the I.L.O. itself and will probably include independent members as well as representatives of the national employers' and workers' organisations. The matter is one of marked concern to the textile industry as a whole, with particular reference to the question of working hours in Far Eastern mills. This year's conference is, therefore, charged with

MUST WE BUILD A BIG NAVY

AT the Washington Naval Conference of 1921-1922 the weary nations declared by their actions that at least naval competition should not be the cause for international friction and war. For 10 years after that treaty naval competition was allayed. A status had been established which was not seriously questioned except by the always dissatisfied admiralties and the Jingo press. The three great naval powers—Britain, the United States and Japan—let their actual naval strength fall far behind their treaty limits. Then national pride and national ambition began to assert themselves. Japan grew restive, smashed the tranquillity of the Pacific with naval guns at Chapel and determined to denounce a naval settlement which denied to her supremacy in the Far East. German engineering skill produced a new type of ship which overnight converted French naval apathy into frenzied building. Italy followed suit. Beginning slowly and almost imperceptibly, the movement gathered momentum until today the naval powers undertake one more effort at naval limitation in an atmosphere already charged with fierce competition.

While the delegates argue in London, the shipyards of the world are filled with the promise of future destruction. The United States—which lagged farthest behind during the peaceful years—has

NOTES OF THE DAY

TROUBLE AT HOME

We learn that Italy is having trouble at home with troops drafted from the Alpine regiments for service in Ethiopia. It is said they refused to march to entrain and that their officers were forced to shoot a number of them before they would obey commands. This might be significant if it were not for the fact that numbers of these men in the Alpine regiments can scarcely be called Italians at all. Many come from the cantons which before the World War were beyond the Italian frontier and which have only come under Rome's control since 1918. They are an independent and courageous crowd, these Alpine folk, amongst the finest fighters in that part of Europe and they are highly intelligent and independent. Like all mountain people, their love of freedom is fanatical. They rebel against the first attempt at subjugation. It is not so much that they are afraid to fight as they do not like to be forced into the army and to obey the commands of men not of their own proud race. The fact that hundreds of them fled the country in order to evade the call to the colours shows the temper of these people. They will not win wars for Italy, though they may be made to fight them.

JAPAN'S PROTEST

Japan has sent another protest to China, this time through the Consul-General at Tientsin, following the shooting affair at the East Gate, Peiping. On the face of things, it did appear that Japan had a good cause for complaint. Chinese guards were alleged to have fired on Japanese soldiers. Now comes a Chinese version of the affair. The Japanese had no gate passes; they were delayed outside the wall while a corporal of the guard telephoned for instructions; and when they were admitted they set upon the Chinese soldiers and fired shots at the corporal, who was killed. The Chinese on the wall, who did not know what was going on, opened fire with rifles and the Japanese retreated. Inquiries were speeded. And the protest is one of the results. It all depends upon the facts, of course, but from the Chinese report of events we are now inclined to think that the Japanese soldiers acted with inexcusable aggressiveness. But of course we can't be positive without corroborative evidence and that we fancy will be hard to find.

special importance, and its deliberations will be awaited with the utmost interest by all who are in any way concerned with the industry.

283,150 tons of grim warcraft on the ways. France comes second with 203,591 tons building or appropriated for. Britain has 183,395 tons of new ships in sight; Germany, 123,000; Japan, 117,707, and Italy, 110,234. Meantime the new naval budgets are in preparation and all give promise of touching new high levels for peacetime. So ominous is the situation and so irreconcilable are the rival ambitions of the naval powers that hopes for the naval conference are measured not in terms of a new treaty and rigid limitations, but rather in such simple terms as the possibility of obtaining limits on the size of ships in the various classes. The ratio system seems doomed.

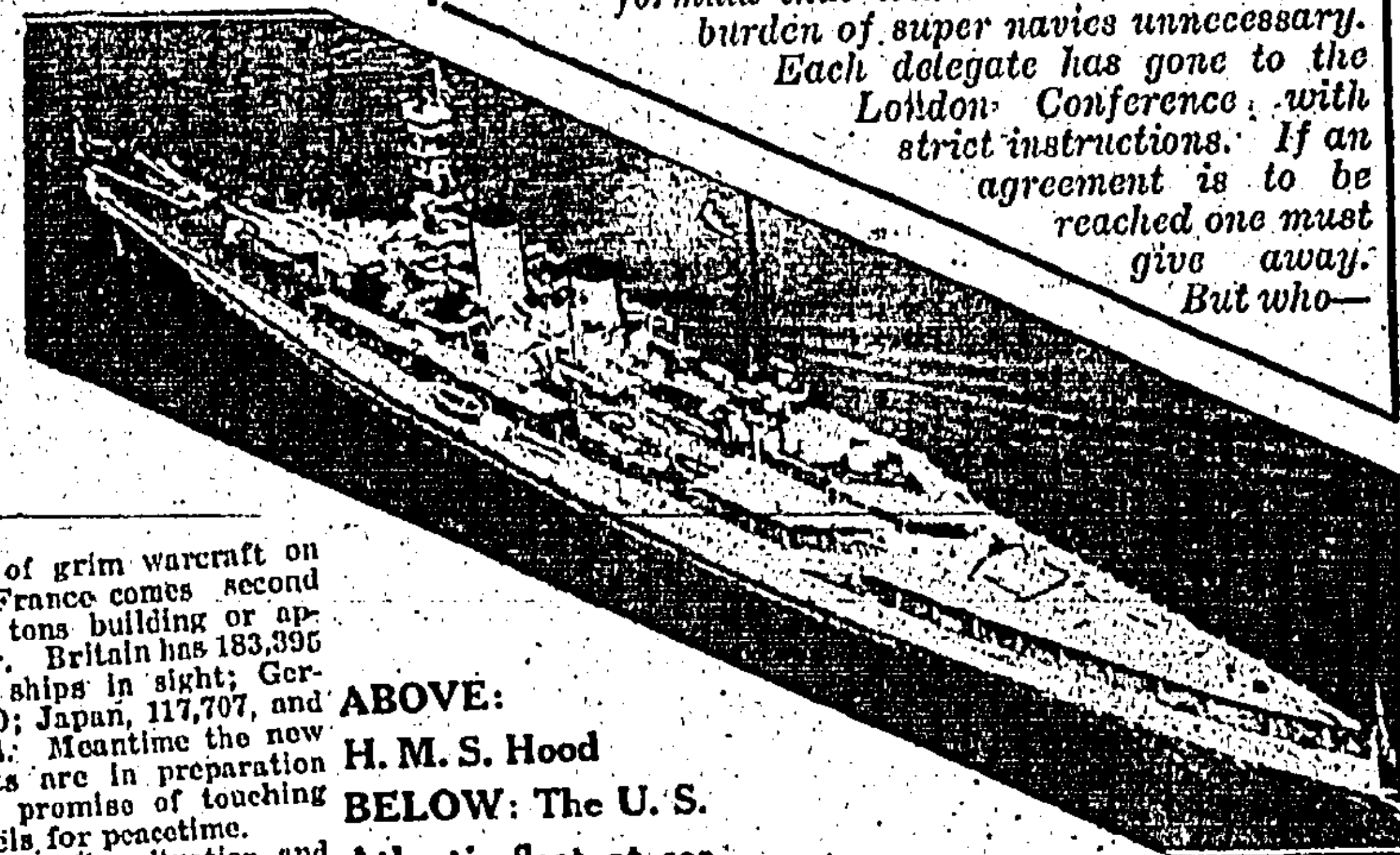
The causes of this situation are to be found primarily in the rivalry in the Far East between Japanese and Anglo-American interests, and in Europe in the sudden renaissance of German sea power. The first is a chronic problem, the second a new one which has just begun to be appreciated in its full import. Because the second has done most to upset the status quo and is least generally appreciated, it deserves first consideration.

During the early postwar years the continental powers of Europe neglected their navies—Germany because she was bound by the Versailles Treaty, France and Italy because land armaments were their first concern. Britain, the United States and Japan were left to carry on their somewhat academic rivalries without much concern to the Continent. For more than 10 years after the war no capital ship was laid down on the Continent. The French and Italians built a certain number of small craft, primarily of the coast defence types, but on the whole their navies were in poor condition.

Into this almost tranquil picture Germany launched her famous pocket battleship, the Deutschland, in 1931. It was only 10,000 tons in displacement and hence of treaty cruiser size. But the allied powers had limited only the size of ships for Germany, whereas they had restricted their own 10,000 cruisers to eight-inch guns. It apparently never occurred to the naval experts at Washington that Germany either could, or would, attempt to put larger than eight-inch guns on a 10,000-ton ship. German engineering skill took advantage of the oversight, mounted six 11-inch guns on the Deutschland, gave her heavier armour than any treaty cruiser, a speed of 26 knots, out-classed every French, Italian and British ship of comparable size, and smashed the naval equilibrium of the Continent.

France, determined to maintain a naval power at least double the German, laid down the 26,500-ton Dunkerque in 1932, and a sister ship, the Strasbourg, in 1934. Italy, by that time beginning to feel the

"A Navy is Built on the Shoulders of the Taxpayer" is a metaphor that is as true as it is mixed. To-day, delegates of five Powers—Great Britain, the United States, Japan, France and Italy—are hopelessly trying to attain a formula that will render the additional burden of super navies unnecessary. Each delegate has gone to the London Conference with strict instructions. If an agreement is to be reached one must give away. But who—

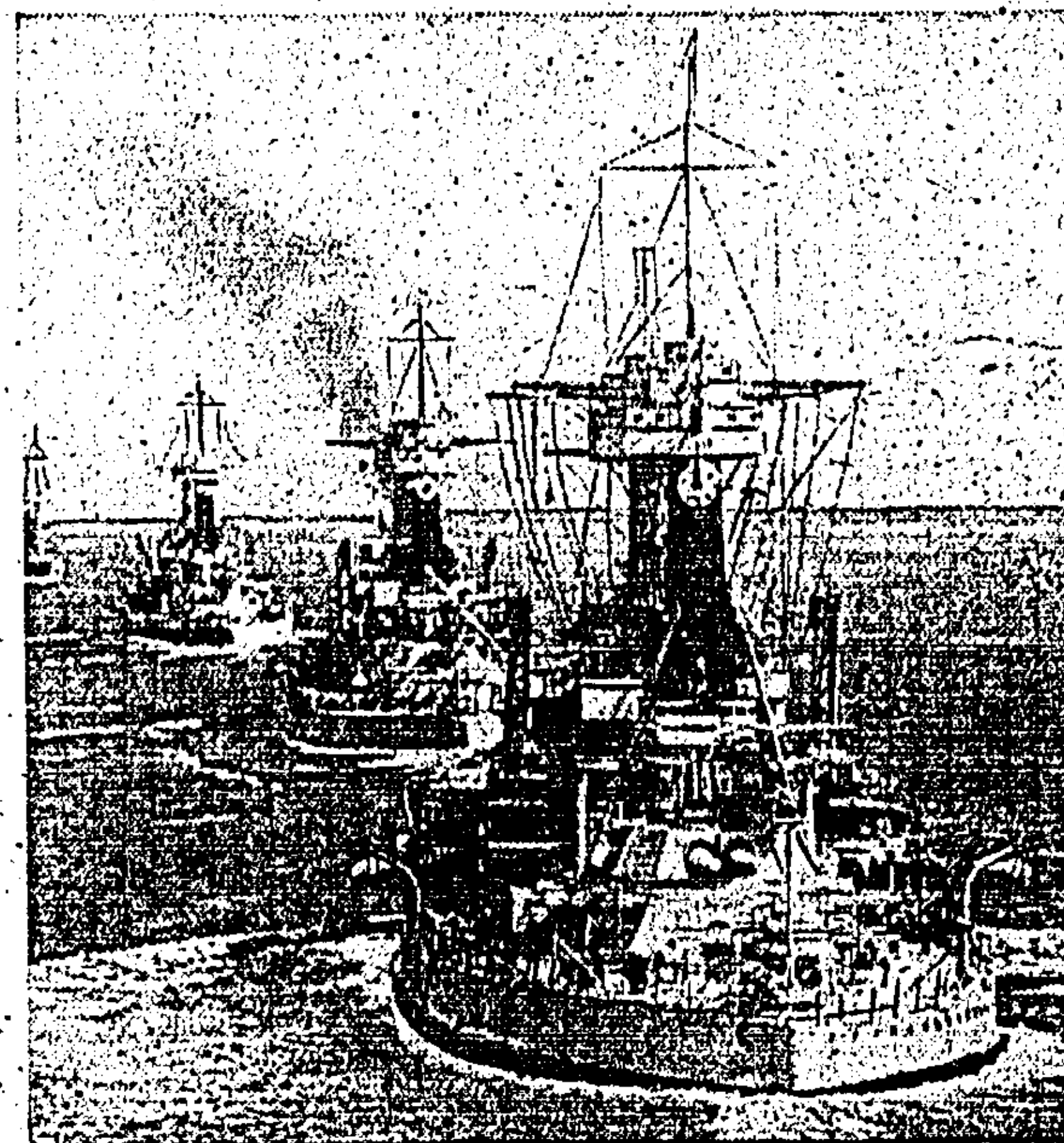


ABOVE:

H. M. S. Hood

BELOW: The U. S.

Atlantic fleet at sea.



urge for a place in the sun, began which threatened Britain's lines of communication through the Mediterranean. British experts began to fear Malta obsolete as a naval base. Italy sat astride her route of empire to the East and British ship lines began to estimate the extra cost of the Cape of Good Hope route.

What England did in the face of this rising threat has laid her open to recrimination and the charge from France that she had taken the longest step yet toward breaking down the Versailles Treaty. But, considering the extent of the continental naval revival and the fact that she was forbidden by the naval treaties to build any new capital ships before 1937, what she did is perfectly understandable. She opened naval negotiations with Germany, and on May 21, 1935, announced an agreement whereby the German navy was permanently pegged at 35 per cent. of the British.

This at least put a top limit on German building, but in doing so gave Germany a total of 420,595 tons, as compared to a navy of 159,100 tons which Germany had at the end of 1934, and also a fleet of capital ships equal to those of France and Italy might build under the treaties. Under this agreement Germany immediately embarked upon a building programme for the current year of 170,000 tons, as compared to the 60,100 tons of modern, postwar ships she now has.

WHATEVER the merits of this action from the British point of view, it immediately established a vicious and apparently endless circle which may end only with the financial limitations of one of the powers concerned. For France has declared that she must have a navy equal to the German plus the Italian, while Italy has made a claim to equality with France. If the Germans build to 35 per cent. of the British, the French would almost certainly aim at double that strength, or 70 per cent. of the British. If the Italians attempt to keep even with France, the French will have the option of accepting Italian parity or moving up higher toward British strength. Even if France renounces her policy of German plus Italian strength there is the prospect of two continental navies each equal to 70 per cent. of the British. But England has always insisted on a navy equal to that of the two largest continental powers combined. England in the face of a combined French-Italian strength of 140 per cent. of her own would presumably build more. And any British increase clears the way for additional German tonnage.

THE Pacific presents a less complex and startling, but a more difficult, problem for naval limitation. There, there directly than in Europe, the naval settlement was (Continued on Page 4)

SIDE GLANCES By George Clark



"Not much luck to-day, Chuck. Most of this stuff is junk."

ANALYSIS OF ANNUAL RACE MEETING PROGRAMME

CRICKET NOTES

CLUB'S BIG GAME

SHIELD DESTINATION MAY BE AFFECTED

ARMY WITHOUT BONAVIA WILL HAVE HARD TASK AT CRAIGENGOWER

(By R. Abbit)

Before continuing my notes on last Saturday's games I purpose briefly to run through the programme for to-morrow. There are two League games down for decision in the senior division. The one that affects the destination of the Shield most is that between the H.K.C.C., who are at home, and the K.C.C. Unless there is a change of the weather the pitch should be in good order and a draw may well be the result.

I do not think the Club are likely to be beaten, as they really are batting all through. I have not yet seen the team but if Kowloon have their best side out there should be some very interesting cricket.

Another good game should be that between the Army and Craigenower at Souklong. The Army batsmen have been running into true form lately, though they have suffered a severe loss in the departure of their opening batsman, Major Bonavia. There is also, I suppose, the chance of their team being further weakened by the absence of members of the team in camp but I am not sure about this. Craigenower have a very useful side—they did well against the Club last week—and the match should prove very interesting. Just over the fence the L.R.C. are at home to the Civil Service, and, I expect, will beat them though the C.S. are doing much better this season, in play if not actually in matches yet. This latter game is non-league.

THE JUNIOR DIVISION

At Kowloon the second eleven of K.C.C. and H.K.C.C. do battle in the league. The home side have a slightly better record in points, but it is never safe to bet against the Club second eleven. It should be a hard-fought contest. At the Civil Service at home to the R.A.S.C. and here again the game is very open but the C.S. have improved in their second string also. Of the non-league games Craigenower should beat Kowloon and I fancy the chances of "the club" against the Sappers at King's Park. The other four sides have no engagements so far as the cards show.

And that reminds me, while framing this article I discovered I had no University card and put out an S.O.S. to my friend the Registrar—who obliged nobly. At the very same time the card, which the Cricket Secretary had already sent me via the Telegraph arrived. I therefore owe hearty thanks to both gentlemen.

LAST SATURDAY'S CRICKET

And now to hark back to the cricket on Saturday. In the Civil Service had very hard luck in not pulling off a win at Happy Valley, though admittedly the Army lacked the services of Gathwaite. Batting first they would have been in rather a mess but for Captain Perse—who hit mightily and lifted one almost across the Police Green—and Corp. Ballard who made runs later on after wickets had begun to fall fast. The score reached 131. Baker found his

length and did excellently with 5 for 33. At one time, with Colledge and Sayer doing well it looked as if the C.S. would win. With two wickets to go only a dozen or so were wanted. Then when the ninth wicket fell, the score was 120. Amid great excitement the last man went in and survived the over, but Babbington, in trying to finish things off, was bowled by Ballard. A great finish.

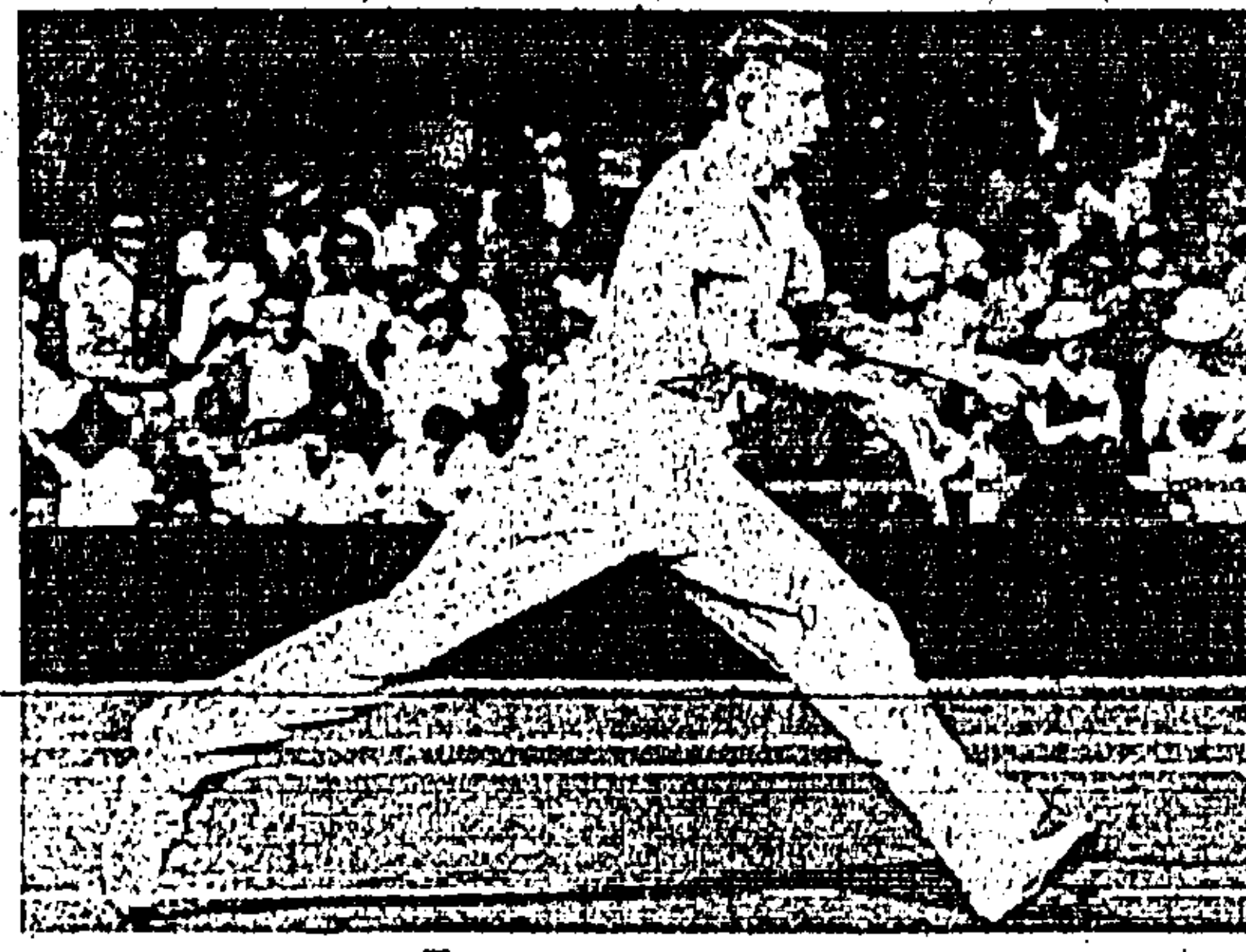
In the senior division was not unlike that in the Junior division. The two K.C.C. teams made respectively 145 and 155, while the Indians had 130 for 8 and 139 for seven. The chances of the second eleven were better. The only first hand information I have is that in the senior game the L.R.C. batsman found runs very hard to get, and could not score fast enough to force a win.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Of the three junior league games, I think that in the case of Kowloon and Navy II the home side won, while the Police survived their journey to Pokfulam and won, though they only made 78. According to a report their last four wickets fell at the same total, three of them to C. Teoh. Abraham had 4 for 18. The Varsity collapsed for 50, Baker doing the damage with 7 for 21 in 15.1 overs—good bowling!

The Club had to postpone their fixture with the R.A.S.C. who were doing something about a trooper. So they took on a Navy side that was rather too much for them. Tuffnell—who is the best bowler the Navy have here at present—took eight for 67.

MR. A. W. HAYWARD'S LETTER
In another column my reply to Mr. Hayward's letter appears. I am very sorry about the whole business. It is my honest idea that the control of the League wants adjusting, so that cricket may become more enjoyable. At present quite a lot of people openly say they don't enjoy League games, and I think this could be set right. If some one who writes about cricket does not raise the point, who is going to do so? There is, very properly, no Cricket Association here. The H.K.C.C. as doyen of Clubs is our Interport authority. But you cannot expect them to interfere in the matter. The trouble is that I apparently missed, in trying to present a properly argued statement, the fact that my words might be misconstrued, so as to be taken personally. I shall endeavour in future to gauge the susceptibilities of my fellow men more accurately.



Donald Budge, red-headed giant from California, who gets second place in the U.S. National Tennis Rankings.

U.S. TENNIS RANKINGS

WILMUR ALLISON TOPS LIST WITH BUDGE SECOND

New York, Jan. 8.

It is learned from a reliable source that the United States Lawn Tennis Association's Ranking Committee has recommended the following:



Ranked—Frank Shields

	1935	1934	1933	1932	1931	1930
1 Wilmur L. Allison	1	2	2	9	3	
2 J. Donald Budge	9					
3 Bryan M. Grant	10	7	13	12	10	
4 Sidney B. Wood	2	6	4	7	4	
5 Francis X. Shields	3	1	5	3	2	
6 Frank A. Parker	4	8	12			
7 Gregory S. Mangin	13	5	7	11	6	
8 J. Gilbert Hall	14	14	14	13	18	
9 Vilas Van Ryn	11	12	9	4	32	

—United Press.

MIXED TENNIS MATCHES

CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS

(By "Veritas").

The semi-final of the Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship of the Colony will be played at the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay, to-morrow afternoon.

At 2 o'clock L. Goldmann and Miss Hancock (holders) will play Captain Milne and Miss Saville, and this game will be followed by H. D. Rumjahn and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chia against W. C. Hung and Mrs. N. Wilson.

Although not yet announced the final will probably take place on Saturday week.

To-morrow's games promise a lively entertainment. Special interest is now vested in the appearance of Captain Milne and Miss Saville in view of their splendid second round win against M. K. Lo and Mrs. Litton, a "seeded" pair. Goldmann and Miss Hancock will have to be on their best behaviour to resist the challenge.

Probably even better and more exciting tennis will be served up in the second match in which Hung and Mrs. Wilson, potential successors of Goldmann and Miss Hancock, meet H. D. Rumjahn and Mrs. Chiu. Hung Rumjahn, in view of their fine play against Lieut. and Mrs. Kayll, and general form of late, will start favourites, but if Mrs. Chiu can remain steady from the baseline and Rumjahn recapture something of his old brilliance at the net, the result may easily go the other way.

CORRESPONDENCE

R. Abbit's Reply

The Sports Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir:—It is with much regret that I find that passage in my cricket article which appeared in your issue of Tuesday last has given cause for offence to Mr. A. W. Hayward; but I am very glad that he has adopted the course of writing and saying so frankly. After the usual mass anonymous back-biting, it is refreshing to be asked to task openly by the person who has the best right, so to do. Differences ventilated may be composed, or, if not, may exist, I trust, without rancour.

In the first place I cannot help feeling that despite my protestations, Mr. Hayward feels I have made some reflection upon the good faith of the H.K.C.C., though how this can be I do not know. I will quote my own words. "Now, I am not trying to stir up any dust—except that lying on the League Rules—and if I do quote a case in point let it be clearly understood that there is no imputation of unfairness." I think that to anyone, who read the article with reasonable attention, it must have been obvious that my point was that the rules of the League want revising.

Mr. Hayward's second paragraph points my argument still more clearly. He indicates a proposal and according to a visitor by two members of the H.K.C.C. Committee makes the visitor a bona-fide visiting member; but, as he rightly says, this procedure violates the need for a ballot. Therefore the words "duly elected" are technically incorrect. One cannot, I submit, be "elected" if there is no ballot. "Co-opted" may be, but that is a very different thing to "elected." And that is my whole original point. I say Law Six wants amending and that it should be done in some way as to eliminate the words "has been duly elected."

Mr. Hayward's statement in his third paragraph that I was duly in

THREE GRIFFIN'S RACES ABOLISHED

All Owners Want Valley Stakes Honours

SOME PONIES TO WATCH

(By "Captain Foster")

The number of Subscription Griffins (China Ponies) last year was 81 and owing to hard times, we have this season only 55—a decrease of 26 ponies. Out of the original amount drawn for it is with much regret that five ponies (Branded Nos. 2, 5, 27, 51 and 26) have already been discarded by the owners as "no good" and this is certainly no compliment to Mordechai, the supplier.

However, they are an average lot and there is no denying the fact that the Sub-Griffin's races generally provide the best thrills of the Annual Meeting coupled with handsome returns of good dividends. It will be recalled that last year, Strathaird started the ball rolling in the first event, the Wong Nei Cheong Stakes, by paying out \$344.80 to the delight of eight backers.

It has always been the ambition of every owner to annex the Valley Stakes confined to Sub-Griffins over a distance of six furlongs but for what reason I really do not know. As an instance Mr. Ho Kom-tong was in higher feather when he twice annexed the Valley Stakes with Kom Tong Hall in 1927 and three years later with Bridge Hall, then when he won the Hongkong Derby with President Hall. Very few owners can claim the distinction of securing twice in the Valley Stakes. It may not be known that in 1931 Messrs. Hall and Shepton won the Wong Nei Cheong Stakes with The Quail (Mr. Frost) and the Valley Stakes with The Grouse (Mr. Frost) and this, I believe, has never been achieved by any owners.

I RECOMMEND THESE

It would be attempting impossibility at this juncture to predict the winner of the Valley Stakes as none of them has really stretched their legs, but I would like to recommend to the students of form to watch the following:—

Rose Evelyn, Midlothian, The Gorilla, Wild Cat, Paymaster, Blue Ribbon, Judea, Stopwatch, Potlatch, Peter Davey, Public Hero No. 1, Balloo, Gold Sovereign, Silver Liner, Humber, Shamrock, Gunsmith, Ocean View, Celebration, Time Hugby Star, Cassius, Helibender, Hawthorn, Mountain View.

The best gallop to date was performed by Mountain View last Sunday, covering 1 1/4 miles in 2:55.4/5 and he finished the last quarter in 31.2/5 seconds. The last half-mile was done in 1:04.4/5 and the last mile was in 2:17.2/5. It must be admitted that it was a good performance and Mountain View has all the good points in him.

Wild Cat, who is a stable companion to Mountain View, is another good animal and is much fancied by the owner. Midlothian is owned by a syndicate and I understand that Mr. D. Black has an interest. This mare likes the work and is not a bad mover.

Humber, owned by Mr. V. M. Grayburn and Mrs. Dunbar's Potlatch are under the care of Mr. Dunbar's trainer and I prefer the former. Messrs. Teator and Abraham have a beautiful bay pony. The Gorilla who is only four years old and I am afraid the youngster will not put his mind to racing. Judea is another four years old pony and same remarks apply.

Stopwatch is owned by a gang of "Early Birds" and has the making of a first class pony. Last Saturday he and Hopscotch owned by "Sevens" galloped 1 1/4 miles in 3:05 flat and although the last quarter was not very impressive, the last half-mile was done in good time of 1:03.3/5.

Bushbridge and Peter Davey are not bad looking animals and the latter is a better pony.

WELSH RUGBY FIFTEEN

TO PLAY ENGLAND NEXT WEEK

The Welsh International rugby team to meet England at Swansea on January 18, has been selected; and is as follows:—(London Welsh), Claido Davey (Swansea), Wooler (Cambridge), R. Rees (Swansea), McCall (Welsh Regiment), Tanner (Swansea), Cliff Jones (Cambridge), T. Rees (Newport), Bryn Evans (Llanelli), T. Williams (Cross Keys), Thomas (North), G. Williams (Aberystwyth), Lang (Llanelli), A. Rees (London Welsh) and Long (Swansea).—*Reuter.*

ELIGIBILITY QUESTION SETTLED

NEW WEIGHT REGULATIONS

(By "Captain Foster")

The draft programme of the Annual Race Meeting to be held at the Happy Valley on February 22, 24, 25, 26 and 29 has been issued and space does not permit in publishing the long list of the events in my racing notes. However, there are the usual twelve races on the first four days and nine on the last day, aggregating in all 57 events.

Owing to the number of Derby Griffins being less than the previous years, the Stewards had no other alternative but to abolish three Griffins' races, namely, the Hopful Stakes (one mile), the Tyro Stakes (Five Furlongs), and the Tintin Stakes (One Mile), and the introduction of three new events will undoubtedly be received with open arms by the small owners. The stakes have not, in any way, been reduced and there are the usual Cups presented by the various Clubs.

THE NEW RACE

The new race on the "First Day" is the Bendigo Stakes over a mile for Australian Ponies that have started at least in five Extra Race meetings of this Club during 1935, and have not won more than \$3,000 in stakes during 1935. The weight is 140 lbs. with 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes since January 1, 1935 and this event is in place of the Hopful Stakes which hitherto was confined to bona fide Griffins. Able Amazon is ineligible for the race. It may be of interest to racing fans to know that the Foochow Cup for old China Ponies over one and a half miles was run last year as the sixth event, but this year it will be the curtain raiser, the Curragh Stakes over a mile which will be contested on the second day is for China Ponies "C" Class and under, and the weight is 145 lbs. with 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes since January 1, 1935. This event substitutes the Tyro Stakes which was for bona fide Griffins. The conditions of the "Black Rock" Stakes have been slightly modified, that is, winners are to be penalised 7 lbs. as against 1 lb. last year.

The fourth event (the Albany Stakes) over five furlongs for Australian Ponies, Griffins of this meeting) on the Third Day is an additional race for Aussies and is in place of the Tintin Stakes confined to bona fide Griffins. In the Governor's Cup last year, all winners had to carry 10 lbs. extra where as, this year, the penalty is only 7 lbs. In the Racing Stakes last season, winners of one race were penalised 7 lbs., of two races 10 lbs. and at the coming Meeting, they are barred.

AN ALTERNATIVE

Winners are ineligible for the Blue Mountains Plate over 1 1/4 miles confined to Australian Ponies, Griffins of this Meeting, to be run on the Fourth Day and last year, winners of one race had to carry 10 lbs. extra, and of two or more races, they were barred. The Northern Stakes (One Mile) last year was for Subscription Griffins of the Meeting, and this has now been changed to Sub-Griffins of any season. The weight is 140 lbs. and winners anywhere during 1935, are barred.

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AUSTRALIAN SUB-GRIFFINS PUT THROUGH PACES

MANY SHOW EXCELLENT FORM OVER DERBY DISTANCE

(By "Captain Foster")

Several Australian Sub-Griffins were sent over the Derby distance last Saturday and some pretty good times were returned. In the Lancashire Lad continued to please his owner and he galloped the distance in 3:38.2/5, finishing the last quarter in 28.2/5 seconds and the last half-mile was 38.2/5 seconds. Like the gallop of A Grand Time who together with Bratus covered 1 1/4 miles in 3:22 flat and the last mile was done in 2:08. It may be worth noting that the last one and a quarter miles were timed in 2:38 flat and it seems to me that A Grand Time is a stayer. This pony was sired by David whose progeny has never raced here and Mr. L. T. Fong's Gold Dragon is related to A Grand Time.

It is with regret to report that Mr. Pau's Double Finches, daughter of Double Court and sister to Derby Day, has gone lame and I hope it is not too serious.

Perfect Day, who finished the last quarter in 27.3/5 seconds last Saturday, seems to me that he is a sprinter and so is Electron, who is owned by

QUITE ELIGIBLE

There was, only quite recently, an argument in a certain sporting Club whether a Subscription Griffin was eligible for the Hongkong Derby. Under the heading "General Information" on the last page of the draft programme, Clause "4" reads as follows:—

"Subscription Griffins means all China Ponies imported to Hongkong 'Subscription' during 1935-1936 or time previous year. All Subscription Griffins of 1935-1936 however are eligible for any open Griffin race."

From the above, it is obvious that a sub. is not only eligible for the Hongkong Derby but for all races confined to bona fide Griffins.

DUTCH FOOTBALLERS

British Team Beaten By Visitors

Rotterdam, Jan. 9.
The Dutch "National" eleven beat Lincoln City by four goals to two.—*Reuter's Bulletin.*

SHIELD SOCCER

Eastern Players For To-morrow

The Eastern Football Club will be playing their quarter-final shield soccer match to-morrow at the Navy ground, Causeway Bay, at 2.30 p.m. against the Royal Welch Fusiliers and will be represented by the following players: In Yun-tok; Ng Ying-kay and Chu Koon-ping; Tsang Tsun-wan, Siu Ping-shun and Chung Kok-chai; Chung Suk-lai, A. M. Wong, Ling-sing, Chaney Chan and M. Sabhan.

Gordon Lum Playing In Colony Badminton League

TENNIS STAR, ON VISIT HERE, TURNS OUT FOR CHINESE RECREATION CLUB

(By "Veritas").

Chinese Recreation Club served up a pretty little surprise for Eliot Hall "A" when they met in a men's doubles badminton league match at Causeway Bay last, the C.R.C. including Gordon Lum, Shanghai Interport tennis player, in their team.

Lum is on an extended visit to the Colony having arrived a few days ago, and last night he coupled with G. W. Yang to take two games from the redoubtable University players.

But as a team the C.R.C. were not strong enough to overcome the polished precision of the Eliot Hall pairs the final result being 6-3 in favour of the champions.

C.R.C. aggregated 132 points compared with Eliot Hall's 170. None of the pairs secured a clean sweep. Eliot Hall demonstrated their wonderful balance by all three pairs winning two games.

ST. ANDREW'S STILL TOP

St. Andrew's "A" entertained and beat St. John's 6-3 and thereby again take over the leadership. Surprise of the evening was two reverses sustained by guest and Broadbridge. Best performance by the Wong brothers who won games from the visitors first and third pairs.

F. H. Kwok and G. A. Smith played second string for St. John's but they could not overcome the solid Fincher-Kwok combination, who won a grand game of the two matches.

ST. ANDREW'S v. ST. JOHN'S

E. F. Fincher and H. Kwok (St. Andrew's) beat Roland Koh and Norman Smith 21-4; beat P. H. Kwok and G. A. Smith 21-10; beat D. Kwok and G. A. Smith 21-6.

A. E. P. Guest and F. A. Broadbridge (St. Andrew's) lost to Koh and Smith 21-23; lost to Kwok and Smith 12-21; beat Kwok and Laid 21-14.

R. H. Wong and F. V. Wong (St.

Andrew's) beat Koh and Smith 21-14; lost to Kwok and Smith 8-21; beat Kwok and Laid 22-20.

C.R.C. v. ELIOT HALL "A"

S. P. Chan and H. T. Woo (C.R.C.) lost to T. C. Leo and P. K. Chan 5-21; lost to C. O. Leo and C. S. Heng 12-21; lost to K. Y. Leo and K. S. Lien 23-24.

LEAGUE TABLE

	Games	P. W.	L. F.	A. Pts.
St. Andrew's "A"	6	0	0	46
Recreo "B"	7	6	1	45
Recreo "A"	5	5	0	88
C.R.C.	6	4	2	37
Fire Brigade	8	4	2	27
St. John's "A"	8	4	4	31
St. John's "B"	2	0	2	15
St. Andrew's "B"	2	2	0	15
Talkoo R.C.	0	2	4	15
Eliot Hall "B"	1	0	7	2
V.R.C.	7	1	0	18
S. and S. Homo	0	0	6	17
Kowloon Tong	7	0	7	21

English Tennis Has Year Of Ups And Downs

MEN DO WELL BUT
THE LADIES—

Another Davis Cup Triumph

London, Jan. 9.
A mixture of glorious achievement and dismal failure attended Britain's lawn tennis efforts during 1935. In the course of the season Britain gained the French men's singles championship, retained the Davis Cup and the Wimbledon men's singles, lost the Wimbledon and French women's singles titles and the United States and Australian men's singles, and failed, for the fifth successive year to re-capture the Wightman Cup from the United States.

Outstanding events of the year were the finding of a strong men's doubles team for the first time in many years and the retention for Fred Perry, world's first ranking player, in the amateur ranks.

GREAT TRIUMPHS

Perry and Wilfred Austin scored great triumphs in the challenge round of the Davis Cup at Wimbledon, each man winning both his matches against Wilmer Allison and Donaldudge. An even greater triumph, however, was the victory of George Patrick Hughes and Lieutenant Raymond Tuckey over Allison and John Van Ryn. Hughes was already an experienced Davis Cup doubles player but it was Tuckey's first try out and the Royal Artillery lieutenant won his share in a blaze of glory. He did more than his share in securing Britain's first Davis Cup Challenge round doubles victory for twenty-eight years. Thus Britain scored a crushing win over the United States of five matches to eight, the first time the Davis Cup had been won by such an overwhelming score since

land, Belgian and British hard court tennis championships. He was less successful in Australia and the United States, losing the titles he held.

Britain women stars were erratic and generally disappointing over the whole season.

Dorothy Round, Britain's tennis-playing Sunday school teacher, lost her Wimbledon title when the rising Australian star, Joan Hartigan, beat her in three sets in the quarter-final. In turn, she was beaten in the semi-final by "Queen" Helen Williams, who staged a successful come-back after nearly two years' absence from competitive lawn tennis by regaining the Wimbledon crown. Margaret "Peggy" Scriven lost the French title she had held for the two previous years when she was unable to resist the challenge of French Madame Rene Mathieu in the semi-final at Auteuil.

British women, after taking a two to one lead on the first day's play, failed to secure the Wightman Cup at Forest Hills, the United States team winning three of the remaining four matches. They failed again in the United States championships.

BRIGHT FLASHES

There were two bright flashes, however, in the otherwise dull season—both provided by the inspired play of tall, pretty, left-handed Katherine Stammers. "Kay," as she is known to her friends, surprised the world—and herself—during the Kent championships by beating Helen Williams in straight sets, taking the first set to love. Then, during the Wightman Cup contest, she staged another very creditable performance by beating Helen Jacobs, United States champion.

These feats were mainly responsible for "Kay" taking a jump from third place on the official British ranking list on joint first with Dorothy Round. Many consider her worthy of a higher place than the Sunday school teacher.

—United Press.

JAPANESE SWIMMERS

Two World Records During 1935

Tokyo, Jan. 9.
The Japanese papers state that Japanese swimmers broke 43 national records and two world records last year, the latter being the 800-metre freestyle and the 800-metre relay.

—Reuter's Bulletin.

AUSTRALIAN RECORD

JAPANESE BEATEN BY YOUNG SWIMMER

Sydney, Jan. 9.
The young Australian swimmer, Percy Oliver, has hung up a new world record for the 200-metre backstroke in the time of 2 min. 40 sec. 4/5. The former record was held by a Japanese.—Reuter's Bulletin.

AUSTRALIA'S DECISION

Incidentally, the North American zone of the 1936 Davis Cup competition is likely to produce better matches than have been the case for many years, for Australia is entering in that zone instead of the European zone as hitherto.

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Mainstay—"Bunny" Austin, English Davis Cup player.

CORRESPONDENCE

R. Abbit Replies

(Continued from Page 8.)

formed of the fact was, I now know, due to a misapprehension. When I wrote my article on Monday, I was informed by the official of the Club that the gentleman in question was "proposed, seconded, and up for election." The statement was made by "phone, when no records were to hand, and it is obviously easy to make a mistake to occur. But it was not until about ten or so on Tuesday morning, when the article was already set up and no change could be made, that he managed to communicate the actual facts to me. I said then as I say now, that it makes not the slightest difference to the argument, but I should of course have explained matters in today's article. But I cannot allow a charge of stating facts which I know to have no justification to pass unrefuted.

Mr. Hayward's last paragraph touches the one point on which I am prepared to assume the candle and the white sheet. If I have in any way hurt Mr. Growder's feelings, or caused him annoyance, I am terribly sorry. But it appeared to me inconceivable that any one should read any criticism, save of the League Rules, into my article, and as for considering it a reflection upon Mr. Growder, personally, it seems to me unthinkable. Even if there had been a reflection on the Club, which there has not, it could not possibly affect him. I trust he will believe that there was no intention to hurt his feelings.

Finally, for the remainder of the paragraph, I am completely at a loss to understand Mr. Hayward's position. He surely does not demand an entire immunity from criticism when cricket and cricket matters are concerned, and wish to confine the Press solely to a description of the play? He has every right to demand that criticism should be fair, temperate, and not malicious. But exemption therefrom is claim which even Governments and Cabinet Ministers do not make. And when he suggests that I should follow the example of English journalists and confine my accounts to the actual play, I snap with surprise. I should have thought that never have persons' opinions been so much ventilated by people in England who write about cricket. They are not reporters by the way. They are not skilled enough in journalism for that! They just know something about the game and can write to English. I do not go as far as they do, or anything like it.

I must apologize, Sir, for taking up so much of your space, but I feel that a full explanation of the matter is demanded. And I hope may escape the charge of anonymity even if I do subscribe myself.

R. Abbit.

Pressmen In Epic Soccer Encounter

SUNDAY'S 'UGE ATTRACTION

Believe it or not, the Press "gang" in Hongkong like to practice what they preach! At least, they try to. And if you have had a try to, you will find the Press sufficiently early (11.15 on Sunday) and feel like satisfying yourself on the point, all you need to do is to slip along to Caroline Hill where you will find the Press football talent on view.

The match is English Press versus Chinese Press, and the kick off is 2 o'clock. No admission fee, nothing barred and winner takes all. Edward Kelly, who has written it up for the Telegraph but he got shirty because the teams refused to play Australian Rules and he was left out of the game. But our readers can rely on a full and accurate report—especially if "Veritas" scores a goal!

The Pressmen are taking this game seriously, though it may be lucky for them that the spectators (if any) won't. Here in the English Press outfit, with Italian as all.

S. MacNider (Daily Press); A. M. Omar (Morning Post); G. W. Giffen (H. K. Telegraph); R. Goldman (China Mail) and A. R. Marker (Daily Press); N. A. E. Mackay (Daily Press); G. C. Burnett (China Mail); S. A. Gray (H. K. Telegraph); M. R. Abbas (Morning Post) and A. Angus (Daily Press).

P.S. Would any prominent local footballer care to referee this epic encounter? Thank you very much! Applications will be dealt with in rotation.

P.P.S. Two o'clock in the time, boys!

COUNTY RUGBY TITLE

WINNERS OF THE GROUPS

By virtue of Wednesday's victory Hampshire as winners of the South Eastern Group will now meet Cornwall, winners of the South-Western Group, in the semi-final round of the County Championship.

The other semi-final match will be between Northumberland, champions of the Northern Section and Warwick, winners of the Midlands Group.

The play-off between Hampshire and Surrey will be necessary as Sussex had beaten Surrey and Surrey won from Hampshire, these two teams each losing one match during the season.

The final standings of the teams in the various Groups are as follows:

SOUTH-EASTERN GROUP				
Hampshire	P.	W.	D.	L.
Surrey	5	4	1	75 15 8
Eastern Counties	5	3	2	29 55 6
Gloucestershire	5	3	2	34 47 4
Sussex	5	1	4	33 59 2
Kent	5	1	4	28 48 2
NORTH-EASTERN GROUP				
Northumberland	P.	W.	D.	L.
Yorkshire	5	4	1	13 35 8
Gloucestershire	5	3	2	40 36 6
Lancashire	5	3	2	37 30 3
Cumberland	5	1	4	30 48 2
Cheshire	5	1	4	33 44 2
MIDLAND GROUP				
Warwick	P.	W.	D.	L.
N. Midlands	4	3	1	63 24 6
E. Midlands	4	3	1	32 36 6
Nottingham	4	3	1	67 31 0
SOUTH-WESTERN GROUP				
Leicestershire	P.	W.	D.	L.
Derby	4	1	0	31 102 0
Leicestershire	4	0	0	13 61 0
SOUTH-WESTERN GROUP				
Cornwall	P.	W.	D.	L.
Gloucestershire	5	3	0	31 17 0
Devon	5	1	0	16 23 4
Somerset	5	0	0	27 58 0

SUNDAY at the STAR.



Professional football players in England undergoing training for a cup tie game, despite the wet weather conditions.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Spoon and Practice Shoot At Kowloon City

NEW WEAPONS POPULAR

The ordinary mid-week Spoon and Practice Shoot of the Hongkong Rifle Association took place on the Army Range at Kowloon City on Wednesday afternoon, when many of the new "1914" rifles were tried out for the first time, while other members shot with the rifle "as issued" in view of the impending inter-affiliated clubs' competition for the Bellish Shield.

To many of those who were using the new rifle, its accuracy came as a revelation, and the ease with which the necessary adjustments could be made, both for elevation and for wind, appeared to some, at least, to be almost uncanny. In this connection, the lectures which Mr. C. A. Grimes, a Vice-President of the Association, is giving to various units, are proving to be exceptionally interesting, and the requests which have been received from many members for more of them, is to be regarded as any criterion.

Further demands are being sent home for the "1914" rifles, particularly on the part of the Regular Army, and it seems likely that the forthcoming local "Bisley" Meeting will create a record for the Far East as regards the number of persons competing in the various events. The Association's new Score-Book, containing pencil target diagrams for the new "1036" targets, tables of elevation, hints on the use of the open and aperture sights, etc., will be on sale from the Association's agents, Messrs. Mann & Co., 17 King Road, Kowloon, on Saturday morning next. The price is One Dollar per copy.

The leading scores made on Wednesday afternoon were as follows:

S.R.	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(z)	
C.P.O. E. Black	31	34	32	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
Major D. H. Steers	31	34	32	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
Sgt. R. Blandford	31	34	32	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
Sgt. S. Hempstead	31	34	32	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
R.S.M. R. T. Slater	31	34	32	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
L/Sgt. Jones	31	34	32	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
Pte. G. Winstanley	31	34	32	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
S.R. (a)	31	34	32	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
L.A.C. R. J. Dol-	31	34	32	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

WEEK END FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

INTERPORT TRIAL ON SUNDAY

Officials for the Shield football matches on Saturday and the Interport trial on Sunday have been appointed by the Hongkong Football Association.

The following are the fixtures and officials for the week-end:

SATURDAY

SENIOR SHIELD

St. Joseph's v. Police (Causeway Bay), 4 p.m. Referee: H. F. Scrutton. Linemen: W. Brierley and J. Butterworth.
Club v. Royal Navy (Club Ground), 4 p.m. Referee: E. C. Inley. Linemen: T. Davies and D. V. Ellis.
Royal Artillery, Lygon v. South China "B" (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m. Referee: A. C. Ward. Linemen: W. Collier and G. E. Goodfellow.
Kowloon v. South China "A" (Kowloon Ground), 4 p.m. Referee: D. Kossick. Linemen: E. Richardson and J. Trenchard.

JUNIOR SHIELD

Royal Engineers v. Chinese Athletic (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m. Referee: W. P. Payne.
Royal Ulster Rifles v. Liga Portuguesa (Kowloon Ground), 2.30 p.m. Referee: E. Thomas.
Royal Welch Fusiliers v. Eastern (Causeway Bay), 2.30 p.m. Referee: R. J. Evans.
Royal Navy v. East Lancashire (Club Ground), 2.30 p.m. Referee: J. H. Lawrence.

SENIOR LEAGUE

Club de Recreo v. Royal Ulster Rifles (King's Park), 4 p.m. Referee: K. K. Ip. Linemen: H. J. Bland and T. Evans.

SUNDAY

INTERPORT TRIAL

G. S. Rodgers' Team v. B. Gosan's Team (Club Ground), 3.50 p.m. Referee: W. P. Payne. Linemen: W. P. Payne and R. M. Omar.

CHAMBER MUSIC

PLEASANT CONCERT GIVEN AT HELENA MAY

A pleasing chamber music concert was given at the Helena May Institute yesterday by four local artists who were deservedly better supported by lovers of music.

The players were Mr. H. Evelle (violin), Mrs. Arnold (cello), Mrs. Evelle and Mr. A. J. Leask (piano). From 5.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., listeners in from the local broadcasting station received the benefit of the splendid music provided by these four musicians, but for the rest of the programme barely 40 people appreciated it. Those who attended, however, must have been glad they had done so because it was one of the best concerts of its kind arranged for Hongkong.

All the four artists acquitted themselves well, but if one deserves special mention it was Mr. Evelle, who is one of the most accomplished violinists in the Colony. From his first appearance on the programme, Hadley's Trio in A Major, he held the attention of the audience and maintained it to the end of the concluding item.

What the audience lacked in numbers it made up for in enthusiasm, and the concert was cordially applauded at the end of every number.

It is to be hoped that when they arrange their next concert they will have better support.

The following was the programme:

- I.—Sonata in G Minor, J. B. Loeffel
- II.—Trio in A Major, Hadley
- III.—Sonata in F Major, Haendel
- IV.—Trio in B Flat Major, Beethoven



A bright Flash—Miss Kay Stammers England.

the United States beat France at Philadelphia in 1925.

Perry's appointment to a post with the Australian branch of a well-known British sports goods manufacturing firm was regarded as a strike which saved the British crack from joining the professionals and becoming ineligible for further Davis Cup and other international matches.

It is still uncertain, however, whether he will be so valuable as the injury he sustained to his back in the first set of his semi-final match against Wilmer Allison in the United States championships at Forest Hills this year, is still giving him plenty of trouble. On medical advice, Fred does not intend to play any lawn tennis until just before the 1936 Wimbledon championships. He is now on his way home to England from his Australian post.

With Austin and a good doubles team, however, Britain is hoping again to resist the challenge of the Davis Cup nations in the 1936 contest.

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Tosonichi Maru Tue., 28th Jan.

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SERIAL STORY

BARGAIN BRIDE

KATHARINE HAVLAND-TAYLOR

CHAPTER XXVI

Barrett found Marcia as nervous as an undisciplined woman may be when she is forced to wait for the hour she dreads. She was lying surrounded by many pillows, on an old French sofa upholstered in turquoise. Her face very white and her eyes seemed bigger and darker than ever. Barrett, coming in from his walk in the brisk fresh air, was stifled by the heat of the room and the heavy odour of tuberoses, freonias and carnations. Marcia drew her head down, kissed her hand and patted it with one small hand. All the miserable morning—she had tried to think only of his happiness and to forget her fears. But no matter how she tried she could not manage it. Marcia knew that, if Elton should find out about Gerald, Barrett would explain and if he explained, Elton would be sure to tell her mother. Or some friend. What girl would not?

After that the whipler would travel and Dick would find out. And if Dick found out he would never, never forgive her. She was growing more certain of that fact every day. She had tested him only to whiten with his answers. "Dick, don't you loath him?" "Why consider them, sweet? They aren't worth it, are they? And we don't have to consider them, you know, dear." No, they didn't have to if Barrett never told anyone. But if he told anyone they might have to. She had lain awake the whole night, trying to be decent about it, to be happy for Barrett; but failing, knowing only fear.

Barrett said bluntly, "It's about 110 in here, Marcia. It's no wonder you feel ill—"

How well he remembered Marcia's mother's last days. The overheated room in which she preferred to gasp, the sickening odour of water.

"Marcia!" he went on gently, "you should have some window open. Have you been out at all to-day?"

"I'm not well enough," she answered moodily. "You don't realize how ill I am, Barrett. No man could love me if he could!" she ended bitterly.

He sat down in a straight chair that was near her sofa. He hoped that was not going to act as she had in the old days. He had come there happily in spite of the twist that fate had given his life. He had come feeling that the tangled web would straighten out to give, at least, an assurance of peace to Elinor and himself.

He heard Marcia's voice again. She varied her refrain. "I am very, very ill," Barrett she stated. He studied her, frowning, sorry for her but nevertheless irritated. The world was full of women who felt as she did and who said nothing about it. But soft cushions and fine seams do not breed any sort of strength.

Marcia pushed the jet-black curling hair away from her moist forehead. "It is wrong that the killing me!" she went on. "I ought not to be worried now—and Dick would never forgive me. I know he wouldn't. I know it!"

Barrett waited. She was leading up to something that she meant to ask. He knew her ways all too well.

"What particularly?" he probed as gently as he could. "Is worrying you, Marcia?"

She wiped the palms of her small hands on a handkerchief before she spoke. "The idea of your telling Elinor about—Gerald!" she stated.

He made no answer. Rather stupidly he fumbled for his cigarette case, brought it forth and lit a cigarette. Then he puffed deeply, staring absently at the small prick of heat from which the faint blue smoke rose lazily into the heavy air. He had

had no intention of telling Gerald's story to Elinor, yet he did not want to promise Marcia that he would never tell her. A time might come when Elinor would ask questions and have every right to know the truth. "She would—talk!" Marcia went on, her voice low and pulsing. "No, Marcia. She wouldn't."

The woman laughed acidly. "No?" she murmured with a lingering, upward infection. "She—lay back—hope I shall die!" she said. "I think I can easily by not wanting to live. I do not want to live under this threat which you continue to hold over me!"

"Is that quite fair?" he asked, knowing he was acting a fool in trying to reason with her. "Again she sat upright. 'Is it fair,' she demanded bitterly, 'for me to pay and pay and pay for the fact that I was a child—a trusting child—craving warmth and held down by an old man who knew nothing of the world?'"

"When you said you would help me!" "Haven't I tried to help you?" Barrett asked.

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CINEMA NEWS

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES

A mighty epic of the screen directed by Professor Max Reinhardt in association with William Dieterle, is a Warner Bros. production of the famous Shakespearean comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" which opens with a grand premiere at the Queen's Theatre to-night at 9 o'clock. It is set to the strains of Mendelssohn's beautiful music as arranged by Erich Wolfgang Korngold. The unique dances were staged by none other than Bronislawa Nijinska and Nina Frelaud. There are great ballets in "Nocturnal" and the "Scherzo." The "Nocturnal" is the story of the wood creatures who are only happy in the moonlight and who desperately fight off the approach of darkness. The lovers in the story are asleep in the woods when suddenly Puck appears, heralding the approaching of the "Nocturnal" and the "Scherzo." Then begins a strange, exciting commotion in the forest. There is rustling everywhere as the creatures of the night protest in vain and hurry hither and yon. Across the scene comes Oberon, King of the Fairies. He stands in a dark chariot drawn by four black horses, his long plumed mantle stretching far behind him. Close to him are the countless dark elves and night creatures with white ecstatic faces. Behind him the Fairies are poised for flight. A swirling mass of green figures grow along the edge of Oberon's mantle, seeking protection. Then, from nowhere comes a startling iridescent creature, bright as moonlight itself. She flutters more and more anxiously, circling around the sleeping mortals and finally taking refuge beside her own Fairy Queen, Titania, who is also asleep. This is Nina Frelaud, protegee of and successor to Pavlova, and herself premiere danseuse of Europe. Darkness comes on, incredibly, and the ballet becomes an extraordinary dramatic struggle. The darkness itself, an awesome creature, attempts to woo Titania. She tries to flee, but he throws the veil over her and, at last she is forced to succumb. The dark creature lifts her high—the light fades from her body and face, shading her face from her outstretched arms and she is swallowed up in darkness.

"Anna Karenina" Greta Garbo's twentieth starring picture for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is the most ambitious production of her career. The picture, opening on Saturday at the Astor and King's Theatres, marks her 15th anniversary with the M-G-M studios. The new film, based authentically on Leo Tolstoy's immortal classic, presents Miss Garbo in a famous drama against a true background of Imperialistic Russia at the height of the nation's glory fifty years ago. Frederic March, acclaimed for his roles in "We Live Again," "Affairs of Cellini" and "Les Misérables," is co-starred with Miss Garbo as the dashing Count Vronsky. The picture is the first David O. Selznick production since "The Sign of the Cross." "Anna Karenina" is a story of a woman, "Anna Karenina," and many other famous stories to the screen—has produced with Miss Garbo and promises to equal if not surpass all his other notable productions in authenticity, grandeur and massive production. It brings together Miss Garbo and Director Clarence Brown for the sixth time and renews one of the most successful star-director teams in the industry. The cast includes no less than forty featured players, as Miss Garbo's supporting artists. At the top of the galaxy stand such notable players as Freddie Bartholomew (of "David Copperfield" fame), Maureen O'Sullivan, May Robson, Basil Rathbone, Reginald Owen and Reginald Denny.

"Escape Me Never" A great actress, Elizabeth Bergner, has her greatest role in "Escape Me Never," at the King's Theatre to-day. The principals of the original West End stage cast which supported the star in the Theatre Guild's triumphant Broadway presentation of the Margaret Kennedy play, including Hugh Sinclair, Griffith Jones, Leon Quaintance, and others, retain their stage roles in the film which Paul Cline, distinguished director-husband of Elizabeth Bergner, directed for B. & D. "Escape Me Never" was adapted to the screen by Carl Zuckmayer and is released through United Artists. In addition to those already mentioned, prominent roles are played by Irene Vanbrugh, Penelope Dudley-Ward, Lynn Harding and Rosalind Fuller. George Oerinal and Sopp Alliger are credited with the magnificent photographic effects, and William Walton wrote the music.

"Stranded" The cycle of pictures that have various degrees of Government service for background is now complete. The last remaining branch, Department of Immigration, is covered in the new Warner Bros. picture, "Stranded," which comes to the Star Theatre to-day. Instead of the fast and furious action of the fighting branches, Immigration offers more human interest. Kay Francis, in the role of a representative of the "Travellers' Aid Society," sits in the

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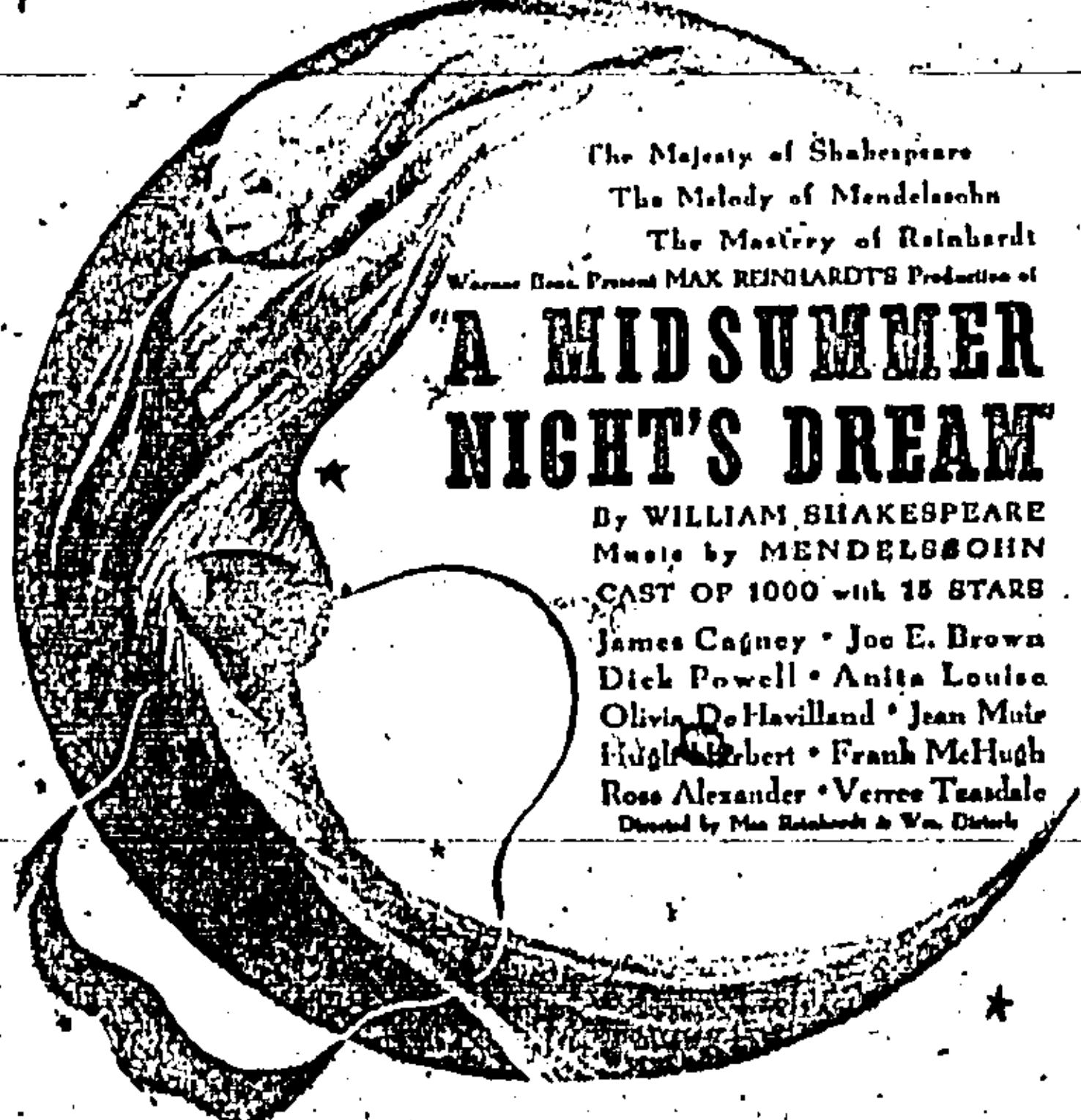
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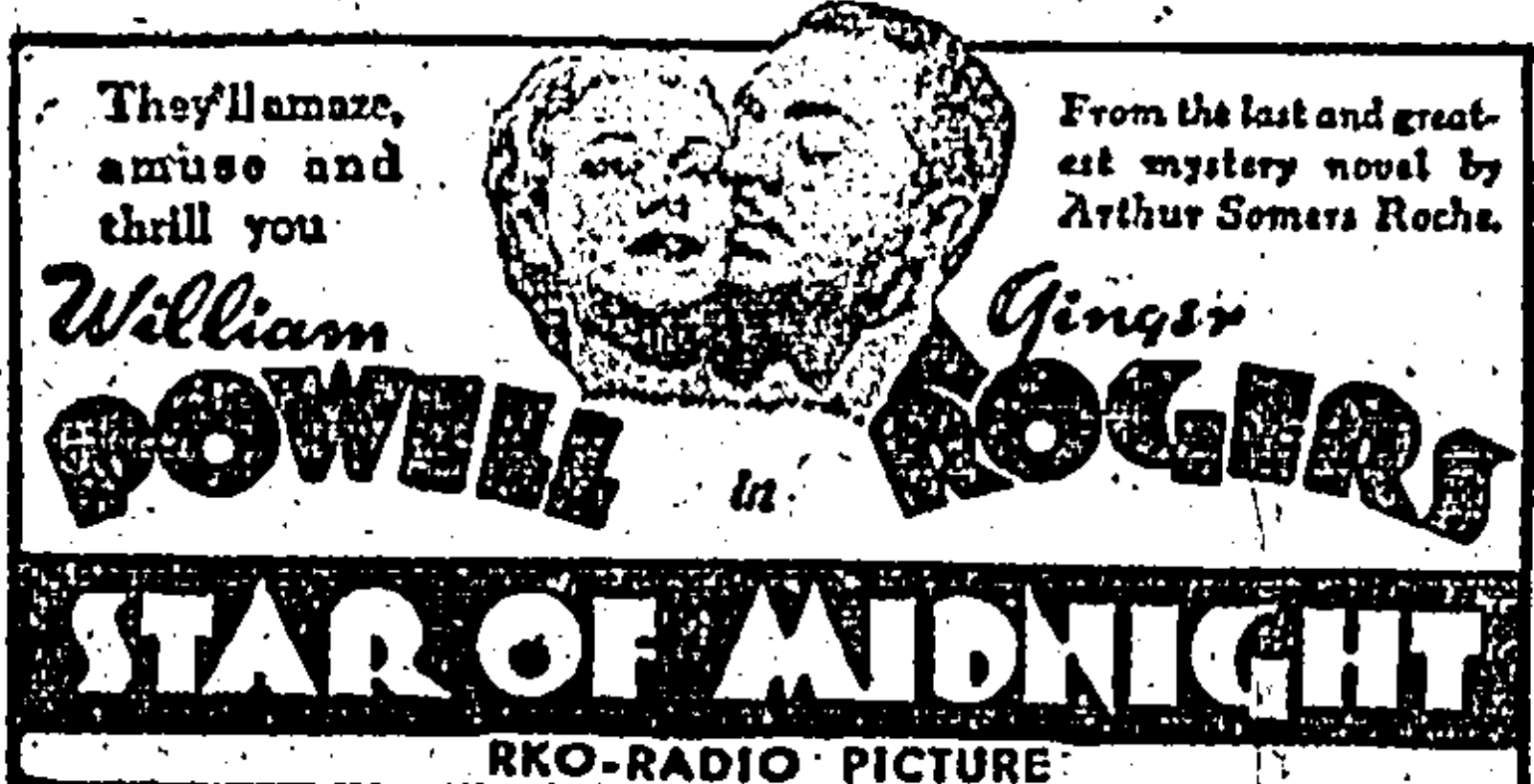


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FORGED BANK NOTES

STORY OF LUCKY GAMBLE
AT SHUM CHUN

Notwithstanding his story that he had won the notes through gambling at Shum Chun, a 20-year-old cook, Kan Cheung, was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon, charged with the offence of passing forged bank notes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on January 2.

Mr. McCallum appeared for the defence, while Detective Sub-Inspector J. O'Donovan prosecuted. Sub-Inspector O'Donovan stated that at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of January 2 as a result of certain information, two Chinese detectives had stopped and questioned defendant outside No. 52, Gage Street. One of the detectives searched defendant and in the top left pocket of his inner jacket found a wad of notes. Holding these in his hand, the detective continued his search, and came across an obstruction in defendant's left trouser leg. This obstruction was removed and found to be another wad of notes fastened to defendant's leg by a garter. The detective suspected the notes to be forgeries, and came to the Police Station. On the way, defendant was alleged to have asked the detective for a chance.

Forgeries

At the station (Central) the notes found tied to defendant's leg were revealed as five \$10 notes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank which were forgeries, and the other wad was comprised of two \$10 and two \$5 notes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, two \$5 notes of the Chartered Bank, and four \$1 notes of the Hong-

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

To-morrow's Picture Features

Numerous photos of topical interest will appear in to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* Pictorial Supplement.

Weddings illustrated will be those of Mr. L. S. Stewart and Miss J. P. Lloyd, Mr. J. W. Winfield and Miss F. E. Wimmell, Mr. Kong Yu-cheng and Miss Kwok Kwai-lin, and Mr. Pang Kuei-beu and Miss Tsai Lai-to.

Amongst groups will be those taken at the New Year dance at the Military Hospital, the dinner by the mouth-organ band of H.M.S. Kent, the Hongkong rifle team shooting in the N.R.A. overseas match, and a children's party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Martin.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which were genuine. On a further search in the detective office, two silver dollars and loose coins amounting altogether to \$3.50 were found on defendant's person.

Evidence that the five \$10 notes were forgeries was given by Ho Chi-nam, clerk in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; and that the other notes were genuine by Lam Pui, money-changer.

After consultation with his solicitor, defendant elected to give evidence. He stated that he went to Shum Chun by train on the evening of January 1. While there he won about \$83, and this money he brought back with him to Hongkong.

When witness was arrested he had \$84 in his pocket, and another \$50 hidden in his stockings. Witness put the \$50 in his stockings because he liked their new appearance, and as he had also experienced having his pocket picked, thought that was the safest place to put them. He did not know they were forgeries, and had no reason to suspect they were bad.

Replying to his Worship, witness said his wages were \$7 a month, and he took \$14 as capital when he went to Shum Chun. Witness had just had his wages that day.

His Worship remarked that defendant's story was quite plausible, but he felt that there was a prima facie case against him, and would therefore have to commit the man.

Spurious Coins

Counterten-cent pieces of the new issue were produced at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when Lau Chun-po, alias Lau Ping, 35, odd job tin-smith, appeared before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones charged with the possession of 21 counterfeit Hongkong ten-cent pieces. Evidence was heard, and he was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Detective Sub-Inspector L. Whant for the prosecution in outlining the case stated that about 9.15 p.m. on December 22 a search was made of the first floor of No. 1050 Canton Road by virtue of a warrant. On the verandah, which was used as a sleeping space, defendant was seen squatting on a bed. As Chinese detective C804 entered he saw defendant with a file, and holding something in his other hand, which he dropped.

A ten-cent piece was later found on the floor, and in the course of a search a number of coins were found under the cotton covering of the bed and in the pocket of a jacket.

Mr. J. L. Tottle, Assistant Government Analyst, testified that he examined the coins produced in Court, and found that they consisted of an alloy of lead, tin and antimony. Witness had also examined the new issue of 10-cent pieces, ten-cent pieces. These were composed of copper and nickel.

HONGKONG'S LOSS

PROF. SHELLSHEAR
LEAVES TO-DAY

Hongkong educational and scientific circles will definitely be poorer after to-day as the result of the departure of Professor J. L. Shellshear, who has been conducting the service by the University of Hongkong for the last 13 years and is now recognised as one of the world's authorities in the research of the brain.

Accompanied by Mrs. Shellshear, Professor Shellshear will sail by the s.s. *Moerkork* to-day for Australia, where he will continue his research, studying the Australian aborigines. He will also complete a large amount of work he still has in hand.

During the time that he has been in the Colony, Professor Shellshear has accomplished a great deal in archaeology and prehistory, in addition to his ordinary duties at the University. At a farewell party given in his honour some days ago, a speaker mentioned Hongkong was lucky to become a university town, and indeed as the result of Professor Shellshear's researches.

Born in Sydney on July 31, 1885, Joseph Lexden Shellshear is a son of Mr. Walter Shellshear, M.P.C., and was a student at the Sydney University, graduating with second class honours in 1906-07. Even in his early general practice (1907-15) in Albury, New South Wales, he had been dreaming of doing research work, and now, at the age of 50, his ambition of concentrating all his time and energy upon research alone has been realised.

Early Research

Professor Shellshear interested himself first in the study of tuberculosis while he was in general practice. He laboured under the great handicap that he did not have enough leisure time, and although he was able to learn a great deal, it was not sufficient for scientific purposes.

After the War, in 1919 he was appointed Senior Demonstrator in Anatomy at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and held this appointment for one year. In 1920, he was appointed Senior Demonstrator to University College, London, and in the same year received an invitation from the Rockefeller Foundation to spend a year in the United States visiting various medical schools for the purpose of enquiring into the general administration and methods of education in that country. He spent six months at the Johns Hopkins Medical School and the remaining six months in visiting many of the universities in the eastern part of the United States, including three months in the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

On returning from America to University College, he was almost immediately appointed to the University of Hongkong, where he has been ever since.

Professor Shellshear represented the University of Hongkong at the Government of many scientific meetings. He is an original member of the Society of Prehistorians of the Far East and has attended their subsequent congresses, as a representative of the Government and the University. In 1930, he represented the University of Hongkong at the first international congress of Anthropological Sciences held in London and was a member of the organising committee of that congress.

Exploration

During his period of appointment in Hongkong Professor Shellshear has visited many places of the Far East for three months in Sarawak, Rajah Brooke's country, where he made some investigations into the archaeology in the neighbourhood of Kuching. He visited Java and saw the sites where prehistoric remains had been found. He was in Indo-China at the first meeting of Prehistorians of the Far East. He spent three months in Peking working on the finds made at Chou Kou Tien. He has also visited Australia five times, and carried out investigations on the brain of the Australian aborigine.

In Europe he visited many of the prehistoric sites in central and southern France. He worked at different periods in the Neurological Institute at Amsterdam under Professor Aron Kappers, and travelled through Holland, North Germany, Denmark and Sweden with Dr. P. V. van Stein Callenfels, O.M.E., visiting the museums and archaeological sites of importance.

Professor Shellshear has thus made himself acquainted first hand with a very large number of the important sites concerned with the history of man's origin. During his scientific career he has done original scientific investigations on the arterial supply of the brain of various animals and the brains of various races of mankind and on the brains of primitive and prehistoric man.

The following is a list of papers which have been given before many learned societies and published in various scientific journals:

Numerous papers in *Caducæus*, the *Journal of the Hongkong University Medical Society*, including "The Thymus Gland in the Chinese"; "Origin of the Anterior Horn Cells of the Newborn Rabbit"; "Evolution of the Parallel Sulcus"; 1927; "The Blood Supply of the Hypoglossal Nucleus"; 1927; "The Arteries of the Brain of the Orang-utan"; 1927; "The Arterial Supply of the Cerebral Cortex in the Chimpanzee (*Anthropopithecus Troglodytes*)"; 1930.

In *The Lancet*:—"Blood-supply of the Dentate Nucleus of the Cerebellum"; 1928; "Contribution to the Prehistory of Hongkong and the New Territories"; by E. M. Healy and J. L. Shellshear, read at the 1st Congress of Prehistorians of the Far East held in India, China, 1932; "The Arterial Supply of the Cerebral Cortex"; published in the

LATE MRS. G. MISKIN

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AT FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Mrs. G. Miskin took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, the Rev. H. W. Baines conducting the service by the graveside. The chief mourner was Mr. G. Miskin, the bereaved husband. Among the large gathering present were Sir William Shenton, Messrs. A. B. Raworth, A. W. Hughes, D. Pruttimond, W. Mansfield, F. Jenkins, F. Pearce, S. H. Dodwell, K. M. Munroe, O. E. C. Martin, W. Burridge, J. W. Alabaster, C. Black, J. Goldman, E. Potter, L. C. F. Bel-lamy, M. Barton, E. Grimble, A. Mann, E. Sloan, W. Willis, E. F. Fincher, H. S. Davidson, Leo D'Almeida, Sr., Hui-shing, M. T. Johnson, J. F. McGregor, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, R. Hancock, E. Davidson, B. Johnson, D. L. King, H. Kennedy, G. A. Pentreath, P. C. Frederick, H. S. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ngai, Mr. and Mrs. C. Black, Messrs. H. Ross, F. S. C. Givley, B. Beasley, Mr. E. Broad-bridge, and S. Burridge.

Among the many floral tributes were those from:

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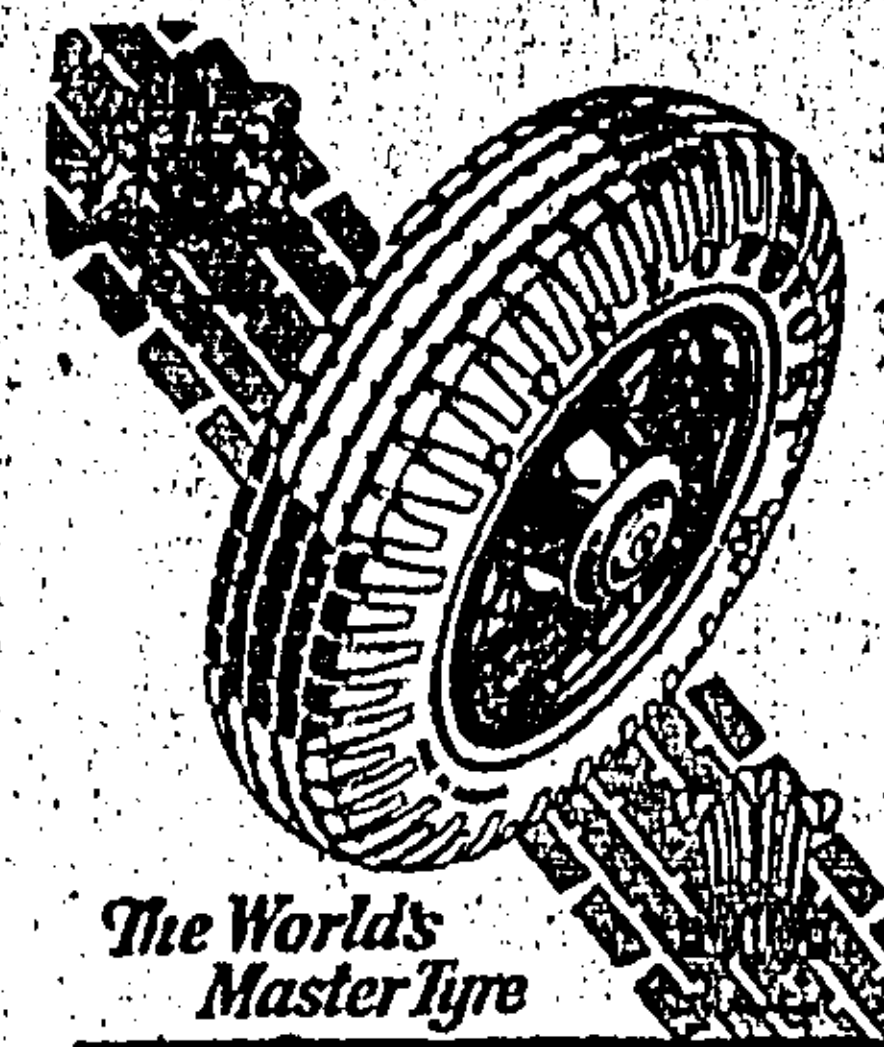
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JAPAN TO TRY TO SAVE CONFERENCE

HOPE OF NAVAL PACT DASHED

NAGANO REMAINS OBDDURATE

TOKYO DELEGATES MAY LEAVE LONDON

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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Tokyo, Jan. 10.
A Foreign Office spokesman indicated to-day that the Government is still hopeful that the Naval Conference can be saved.

"Japan," he said, "will do her utmost to save the ship."

He avoided answering the question whether Japan would modify her demands. However, he insisted that other nations cannot successfully contest the principle that the lowest common upper limit making defence possible and offence impossible, definitely contributes towards actual reduction of armaments.

Other nations, the spokesman continued, want superior naval strength.

"We believe that if America is content to defend her own territories she won't demand superior naval strength," he said.

He avoided answering whether he believed the Naval conference would break up in the event of Japan's demands not being accepted. He believes other nations may make concessions, but the question of whether Japan would modify her attitude was not answered.

Japan believes, the spokesman added, that a common upper limit can be adjusted to suit the vulnerabilities of individual nations.—United Press.

FATEFUL TALKS

London, Jan. 9.
British sources said to-day Mr. Norman Davis, the chief of the American delegation to the Naval Conference, had held a private conference with Mr. Anthony Eden, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in an attempt to decide whether the naval conversations should continue or adjourn as hopeless.

It is believed that the American spokesman urged that Japan should either demonstrate that she intended to co-operate or assume the responsibility for the conference's failure. Later, the Japanese delegates met the British at a private conference, and again insisted that their claim of equality of naval armaments must be considered before other proposals, increasing the prospects of a collapse of the whole parity.

Friday's session of the conference has been postponed to permit Viscount Montagu, the First Lord of the Admiralty, to sound other powers upon their reactions to the deadlock.—United Press.

DECIDING ITS FATE

London, Jan. 9.
The fate of the Naval Conference is at present being decided at a meeting at the Foreign Office between Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, Viscount Montagu, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Admiral Osami Nagano, and Mr. Matsuzaki Nagai of Japan.
The meeting was called on the British invitation with the object of continuing the conference on the present basis. In the event of an adverse decision it is expected the conference will continue without Japan, as the other four powers are near agreement, at least in respect of plans for exchanging information on their prospective programmes.

UNSATISFACTORY MEETING

As a result of the unproductive outcome of the afternoon's conversations, the Naval Conference is expected to continue for some days at least. It is understood that the Japanese are still maintaining their desire that the conference revert to discussions of quantitative limitation and a pre-announcement on the Japanese parity demand.

It was agreed to postpone to tomorrow's plenary meeting to enable other delegations to be sounded as to whether they were agreeable to Japan's demands.

It is pointed out that the British are willing to discuss the parity principle, but that does not mean that their opposition to a common upper limit is weakening. They are simply agreeable to discussing the matter (Continued on Page 18.)

UNEQUAL TREATIES OPPOSED

JAPAN CRITICISES NINE POWER PACT UNSUITED TO PHILIPPINES

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Tokyo, Jan. 10.
Asked whether Mr. Koki Hirota, the Foreign Minister, would deal with the Philippines and their relationship to Japan when he addresses the Diet shortly, a Foreign Office spokesman made a brief statement to-day.

The Japanese position regarding the possibility of the Philippines or the United States requesting Pacific neutrality be attempted to clarify. It was intimated that the Foreign Office did not believe that the Philippines would make such a request when their independence was complete.

However, Japan had hitherto announced that she opposed unequal treaties like the Nine Power Pact, which was humiliating to China.

The spokesman intimated that Japan might join the neutrality guarantee, but only if the Philippines gave their full consent after independence was secured. However, Philippines' matters at present concerned only the Philippines and the United States. Japan had no intention of interfering.

Philippines' independence was still at some considerable distance, the spokesman went on. "I shall leave that question to my successor, I think," the spokesman finally concluded.

The spokesman explained his reference to unequal treaties. He said that China had only passively consented to the Nine Power Treaty, though she was herself a signatory.—United Press.

TO ADDRESS HIS CONSTITUENTS

MR. ANTHONY EDEN'S PLANS

London, Jan. 9.
Before leaving London to attend the Council of the League of Nations at Geneva, on January 20, Mr. Anthony Eden will fulfil a speaking engagement at Leningrad. In his speech he will discuss the situation in foreign affairs since he became Foreign Secretary. Mr. Eden will leave for Geneva probably on Sunday, January 19.—United Press.



Admiral Osami Nagano, Japan's chief delegate, on whose shoulders rests the success or failure of the London Naval Conference.

MORGAN CLOSELY GUARDED

MADMAN'S ATTACK RECALLED

ARMS INQUIRY REVELATIONS

Washington, Jan. 9.
A strong police guard is posted about the tables where Mr. J. P. Morgan, the famous financier, and his partners, sit during the Senate Munitions Committee's inquiry into the relations of finance and war. A strong guard also escorts Mr. Morgan and his colleagues on their comings and goings in connection with the inquiry.

It is recalled that a madman tried to murder Mr. Morgan in 1916 when he broke into the magnate's Long Island home.

Now, however, Mr. Morgan appears completely unworried and spends most of his time smoking, leaving to his partner and friend, Mr. T. A. Lamont, most of the talking.

Evidence has been produced showing that 84 per cent. of the arms, steel and weapons of all sorts which the British and their Allies purchased from the United States before that country's entry into the World War, were sent through the Morgan companies.

Mr. Lamont indignantly denied the suggestion that the Morgan companies, or Wall Street generally, wanted the war to continue. Mr. Morgan interjected at this stage that "of course" they wanted it stopped.

"I did not want my son to go to war, but he did," Mr. Morgan added.

TREASURY'S HELP

Mr. George Whitney, another of Mr. Morgan's partners, revealed that the United States Treasury had paid off \$24,000,000 of British private indebtedness in 1918. This was done because the Treasury was about to float a new Liberty Loan when the British obligations fell due and America did not wish to compete with a higher interest rate for their re-funding.—Reuter.

MOSCOW CHARGE AGAINST JAPAN

FLIERS' ATTEMPT AT KIDNAPPING

(Special to "Telegraph")

Moscow, Jan. 9.
It is officially learned that a Japanese military aeroplane landed in Soviet territory recently, that the occupants attempted to kidnap several Soviet citizens and that two Japanese fliers were wounded in the ensuing fight.—United Press.

BELLINGER DIVORCE

Reno, Jan. 9.
Mrs. Lucille Lavarre Bellinger, the New York social light, today divorced her husband, Mr. Frederick Bellinger, son of Brig-Gen. John Bellinger, who had a long service record in the Philippines.—United Press.

STORM'S TOLL IN BRITAIN

MANY LIVES LOST AS GALE RAGES

FLOOD MENACE REAPPEARS

London, Jan. 9.
The unprecedented course of broad-casting an appeal to people to remain indoors until the storm abated was taken to-night by the Chief Constable of Manchester at the height of the worst gale experienced this winter. In some places, the wind attained a velocity of a hundred miles an hour. Widespread damage was caused, and a renewal of the menace of floods is threatened.

Lancashire has suffered severely, the worst disaster reported being at the mouth of the River Mersey, where the small cargo vessel, Bradwa, was blown off her course and struck a

Egypt's

Protest

To Italy

Ambulance Bombings Confirmed

Cairo, Jan. 10.
After receiving confirmation from the Egyptian Consul at Addis Ababa of the bombing of an Egyptian ambulance unit near Daghabur, the Government decided formally to protest to Italy.

The request will demand that there be no repetition of such an act against humanity.—Reuter.

[The Italians persistently deny that they have bombed ambulance or other Red Cross units and despatches in this matter appear in other columns of this newspaper.]

Two people were killed by a falling tree at Ravenshoe, while a girl was killed in the collapse of a wall in Manchester. Five were injured at Leeds when a boarding was blown down.

The famous Mena suspension bridge between Angley and Carnarvon has been closed, the centre span having been thrown out of position, but the bridge is in no immediate danger.—Reuter.

RICKSHAMEN RIOT

BEAT OFFICIALS OF MUTUAL AID ASSN.

Canlon, Jan. 10.
Mr. T. L. Chang, General Secretary of the Ricksha Pullers' Mutual Aid Association, and five of his assistants were injured when two hundred ricksha pullers raided the offices of the Association yesterday.

The police were called to deal with the incident, and forty-two demonstrators were arrested, whilst others were evicted from the premises.

Mr. Chang and one assistant were so badly injured that they had to be sent to hospital.—Reuter.

MAHATMA GANDHI SERIOUSLY ILL

Bombay, Jan. 10.
Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian leader, is gravely ill at Wardha.

He is suffering from high blood pressure and other complications.—United Press.

CLOUDY WEATHER

There is no change in the anticyclone. Pressure is highest over Manchuria. Local forecast: N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy.



John Gilbert, the well-known film star, who has been found dead. He succumbed to heart failure.

NOTED ACTOR PASSES

JOHN GILBERT DIES IN SLEEP

ILL FOR TWO WEEKS

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Hollywood, Jan. 9.
The well-known screen actor, John Gilbert, was found dead in his home to-day. Apparently death was due to heart failure while he slept.

Gilbert's manager, Mr. Charles Greene, said when he learned of the tragedy: "John was ill and took to his bed about Christmas. He had three heart attacks in three weeks."

"His nurse noticed he was in trouble about 7 a.m. and summoned Mr. Madsen, who had been attending him, and a Fire Department squad with an oxygen pump. But John died before they arrived."—United Press.

John Gilbert reached the peak of his career in silent films, and was for sometime playing opposite Greta Garbo. It is recalled that he made the silent version of the film "Anna Karenina," with Miss Garbo. The film, in its "talking version," is to show in Hong Kong starting this weekend, with Miss Garbo still in the lead but with Frederic March in the role played by Gilbert formerly.

Gilbert's voice was declared unsuitable for the talking screen, but in spite of this he played some distinguished roles, as in "Fast Workers."

His real name was John Pringle, and he was born in Logan, Utah, in 1897.

He was married four times. His first wife was Olivia Burwell, his second Letitia Joy, by whom he had a daughter, his third was Ina Claire, and his fourth Virginia Bruce, whom he divorced in 1934.

INDIA COUNCIL OF WOMEN

DELEGATES ATTEND FROM MANY LANDS

London, Jan. 9.
Dame Elizabeth Cadbury sailed for India to-day to attend a conference at Calcutta of the National Council of Women of India, at which delegates from eight European countries are attending.

There will be delegates as well from Canada, Australia, China and Japan. It is understood the Council will discuss international peace and health, moral and social problems.—Reuter.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.
The Democratic National Committee at Washington has selected Philadelphia for the national convention beginning on June 22. Philadelphia offered \$200,000 with the free use of convention halls, San Francisco bid \$200,000 and Chicago \$150,000 for the convention.—Reuter.

BLACK TROOPS DRIVE NORTH

ITALIAN RETREAT ANTICIPATED

HEAVY FIGHTING TO WEST OF GORRAHEI

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

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Addis Ababa, Jan. 9.
While the heavy rains are affecting the Italian lines of communication in northern Ethiopia making it extremely difficult for the supply columns to move at all, it is unofficially reported in Addis Ababa that the Ethiopian forces are concerted moving north-east, across the River Takkazze. They are also pressing from the direction of Tembien and are threatening the Italian lines of communication between Makile and Adowa.

The possibility of an appreciable Italian withdrawal in the north is envisaged and experts in the army at Addis Ababa anticipate that General Graziani, commanding the invading troops in the south, will launch a strong attack from Dejo towards the north-west and Ginir, in order to divert attention from the Italians' northern lines.

Fierce fighting has been reported from country west of Gorrachei.—Reuter Special.

ETHIOPIAN SUCCESS

Hartar, Jan. 9.
A communique issued here to-day states that Fitauri and Taffari warriors have occupied the Italian post of Kharale, following a bloody battle.

The Italian losses were heavy, the communique states. The Ethiopians captured a large supply of ammunition and a portable wireless.—United Press.

AMBULANCE BOMBED

Cairo, Jan. 9.
In addition to attacking an Egyptian ambulance unit at Daghabur several days ago, eight Italian planes bombed and machine-gunned an Egyptian ambulance force at Bojaily, seven and a half hours distant from Daghabur, according to a telegram from Prince Ismail Daoud, who is personally directing the work of these Red Crescent units.

The second attack lasted a quarter of an hour, but there were no casualties.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

ITALIAN DENIAL

Rome, Jan. 9.
Official denials have been issued with respect to the reported aerial bombardment of an Egyptian ambulance unit at Daghabur.

The Italians have also denied the report that a large number of deserters had crossed the frontier into Bavaria, Austria and Yugoslavia.

It is pointed out that the frontier is closely guarded and the mountains are covered deep in snow which renders the journey impossible for all except expert mountaineers.—Reuter.

COUNTRY BUMPKIN

SUNG CHEH-YUAN EXCUSED

(Special to "Telegraph")

Tientsin, Jan. 10.
Japanese diplomatic circles here compare General Sung Cheh-yuan, the chairman of the Japanese-Chinese Council, to a country bumpkin coming to the big city for the first time. Naturally he is getting into trouble, they say.

"For this reason we cannot expect him to be the dainty diplomat," the Japanese remark.

They blame General Sung for the recent disturbing incidents at Peking and Tientsin, but excuse him in the same breath because of lack of experience.

Consular authorities here deny, as being without the slightest foundation, the report that Japanese troops have occupied Tientsin. "Fogian naval residents," they continue, "have denied this. Consular officials, despite such false reports,"—United Press.

LOCAL DOLLAR ADVANCES

MARKET QUITE STEADY

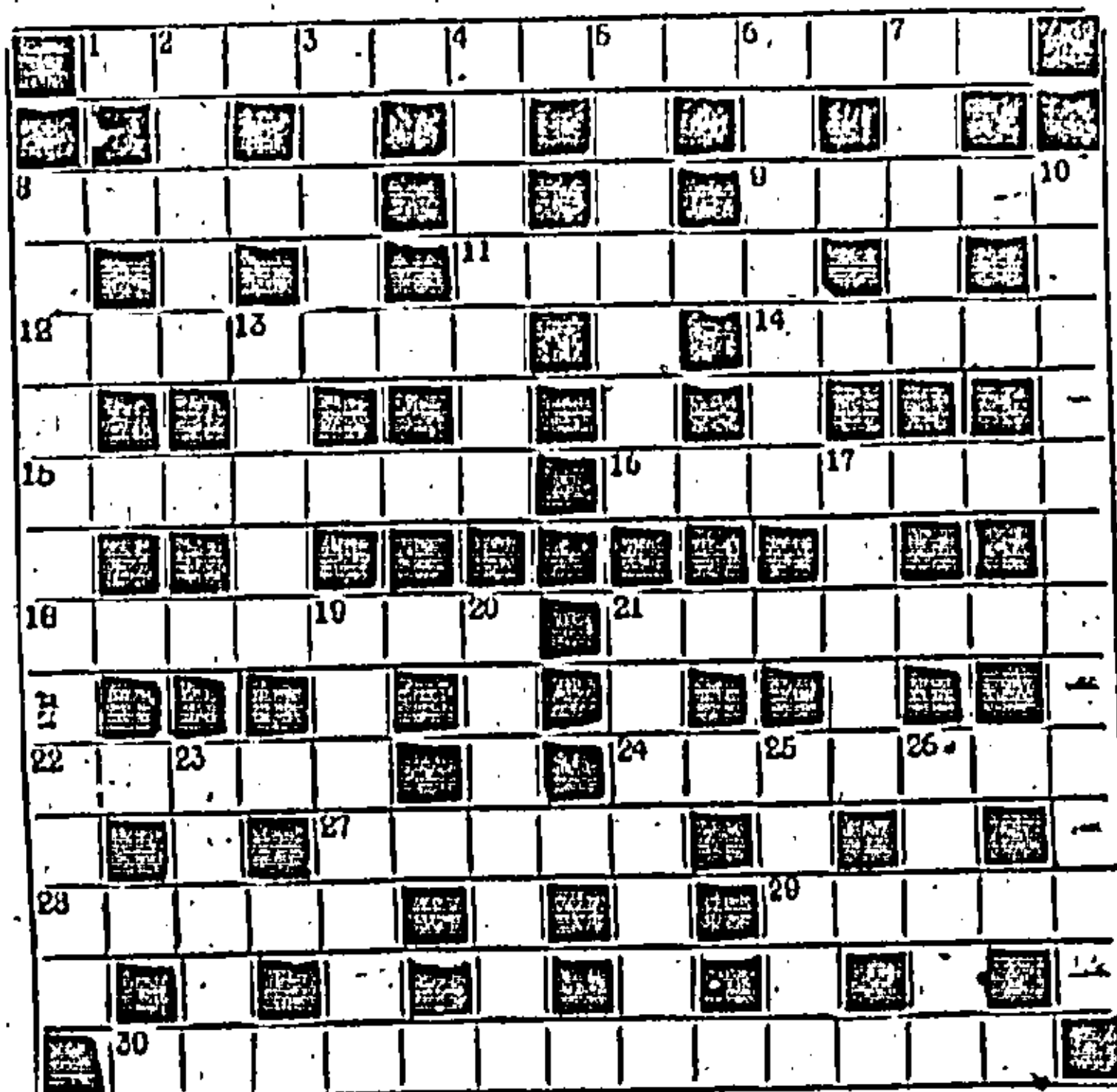
The Hongkong dollar advanced 1/10th this morning. The Bank's official rate being 1s. 2 1/2/10d. Inter-bank rates were about 1s. 3 1/2/10d. sellers and 1s. 3 1/2/10d. buyers. The market was quite steady this morning, but very little business was passing.

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- F282. GESHWIN FOX TROT MEDLEY. Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffin.
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9 Fish.
11 A thought overheard.
12 High voiced? Give you three guesses.
14 A Scottish island, yet it cannot be there.
15 Nor's complement.
16 Silk.
18 There are coppers in this garment.
21 "With eyes like carbuncles, the—Pyrrhus." ("Hamlet").
22 If this insect's tail were longer it would be smaller.
24 Send out (anag.).
27 Some ways in which houses are built.
28 One of ten little ones who's still here.
29 Edge something like butter.
30 Civil servant's warning that ends in kisses (8 hyphen 5).

Down

- 2 Pigment clay to entanglements which no lad makes.
3 Our dance (anag.).
5 What made the car go? This loaded it.
6 Some fly, some crawl; in parties.
7 Takes a good deal of space to write her name.
8 More than surprise.

- 10 The audience shouldn't have heard this (two words, 5, 7).
13 The conductor with it should have a long innings.
17 Substantial.
19 Weed with the root showing.
20 European country (one spelling).
21 They preceded taxis.
23 How some lie with impunity.
25 Made of a particular wood in label mentioned.
26 The song that made Cyril go wrong.

Yesterday's Solution.

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THE LINDBERGH

WELSH NURSE ENGAGED FOR THEIR SON

Cardiff, Jan. 9. Col. and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, who recently left the United States to escape from kidnappers and who have settled in South Wales, have engaged a Welsh nurse for their son Jon.

The local press has completely lost interest in the movements of the family.—United Press.

Peiping, Jan. 9. The British Minister, Sir Alexander Cadogan has proceeded to Nanking by train where he expects to make long stay in the capital.—Reuter.

GIRL DECLARES DEATH-CELL BRIDE BIGAMOUS

New York, Dec. 22.

ANNA DOWNEY, married in the shadow of the electric chair in a desperate effort to obtain legitimacy for her expected child, may yet be cheated of victory.

Last Wednesday, in one of the grimmest ceremonies ever performed in New York City, she was married to John Collins, convicted of murder during a hold-up.

She thought she thereby became Mrs. John Collins. But now another woman has come forward claiming to be the man's wife, declaring Wednesday's marriage bigamous.

"For The Same Reason"

Ruby Munsel, of New Orleans, says that she married Collins under the name of Schwartz (one of his known aliases) more than a year ago, for the same reason as Miss Downey, and now has an eight-month-old baby.

Investigation is being made to ascertain whether it is a case of mistaken identity.

MAJESTIC IS NEARING HER LAST VOYAGE

Famous Ship, Once The Pride Of Germany, To Be Sold

LIVERPOOL, JAN. 1.

BRITAIN'S SECOND LARGEST LINER, THE CUNARD-WHITE STAR LINE'S 56,915-TON MAJESTIC, IS FAST NEARING THE END OF HER CAREER.

Once the pride of Imperial Germany, afterwards a symbol of her humiliation, the Majestic is to be offered for sale, probably for breaking up, when she arrives in New York at the end of February.

No official statement is available at the Cunard-White Star offices, but the name of the Majestic does not appear in the revised sailing list for the North Atlantic service.

The Boerangia and the Aquitania will carry on the service until the Queen Mary enters the field on May 27.

Thus the Majestic will follow her famous sisters in the line, Mauretania and Olympic, to the Land of Forgotten Ships.

She began life as the Bismarck. The Germans built her before the war in a blaze of publicity. She was their answer to Britain's Mauretania—the last word in size and luxury.

NAMED BY KAISER

One thousand staterooms were built into her, equipped with all the luxuries of the day. Three thousand passengers could be carried. Wireless was fitted in her lifeboats—then a novelty.

The Kaiser himself named her, and watched her great bulk slide into the water. But she was not

destined to sail under the Imperial flag.

War intervened. She was not completed until 1921. Then she was handed over, prize of the victors, to reparations.

The White Star Line bought her. The Bismarck became the Majestic, and the "red duster" flew at her stern.

Since then she has crossed the Atlantic more than 400 times; steamed a million and a quarter miles. Scores of the world's most famous people travelled in her, welcomed her steadiness, enjoyed her solid luxury, came to look upon her as a friend.

THE SEXTONS

Now her proud days are nearly over. The bright clean paint will be allowed to peel from her sides. Her luxurious fittings will be stripped from her in readiness for the sextons of the shipping world—the breakers.

Sir John Jarvis, M.P., "fairly god-mother" to the Tyne, declared: "When the time comes I shall certainly make a bid for the Majestic and have her broken up at the Jarrow yards."

And that will mean more work for the men who have made ships since ships were made—the Gearloids of Tyneside.

HE SCORED OVER KITCHENER

Few men dared to defy Lord Kitchener. Mr. Sydney A. Moseley, journalist and author, was one of the few. He tells the story in "The Truth About a Journalist," published in London last month.

Mr. Moseley was editor of a Cairo newspaper, the Egyptian Mail. Lord Kitchener was the all-powerful British Resident there.

Mr. Moseley learned that a Russian was being kept in prison without trial. He published a full-page story demanding the man's release. Orders came from Kitchener that the newspaper was not to interfere. Mr. Moseley replied—with a further article.

Kitchener himself spoke to Moseley. The editor's reply was yet another article. London heard. The question was raised in the Commons. "That," says the author, "was all I wanted. It did the trick."

Survived Two Wars—Killed At Fireside

An ex-sergeant-major who fought through the Boer War and the Great War without being wounded died at his own fireside last month as a result of an explosion.

The veteran was William Hall (64), of Brightmore Street, Sheffield. He was sitting in front of the fire with his wife and while bending down to light his pipe there was an explosion in the fire.

Pieces of coal hit him on the face and chest, one piece piercing his lungs. When Mrs. Hall went to her husband's assistance there was a second explosion and she received slight injuries.

The fire brigade and police were unable to explain the cause of the explosion.

NO COWARD



No coward is Jean Batten, but the 25-year-old air-woman confessed that she felt very lonely and frightened flying all alone over the ocean, especially when her compass temporarily went out of order. Miss Batten's hop from Africa to South America took her 13½ hours.

Miss 1936 Will Be Red-Head: Vampish

Paris, Jan. 1. Beauty specialist Helena Rubinstein, just back in Paris from the United States, forecasts that Miss 1936 will look like this:—

Vampish.
Red-haired.
Very pale of complexion.
Heavily shadowed around the eyes.
Very red-lipped.
And that she will favour emeralds. —Reuter.

HENS "SMUGGLED" THEIR EGGS INTO GERMANY

A Way to Defeat Import Duties

SEVERAL thousand hens, accused of smuggling their own eggs from Holland to Germany, were yesterday acquitted at Rothenbach of intent to defraud the German Customs authorities.

But eight poultry farmers responsible for them—less fortunate—were given five months' imprisonment each.

Their farms all lie on the German-Dutch frontier, partly in Holland, partly in Germany. The farmers were anxious to sell their eggs to Germany, where prices are high.

But if the eggs were produced in Germany the hens, to avoid the import duty, had to be fed on expensive German food. If they were fed in Holland, on cheap food, their eggs had to pay German import duty.

LAID IN GERMANY

Inspiration came to help the farmers. At regular intervals they fed their hens in Holland; at equally regular intervals they drove them into Germany.

And the eggs, smuggled over the frontier by the hens themselves, were laid in Germany—and paid no duty. The Customs authorities stated that in the months before they discovered the trick, more than 2,000,000 eggs were thus smuggled over.

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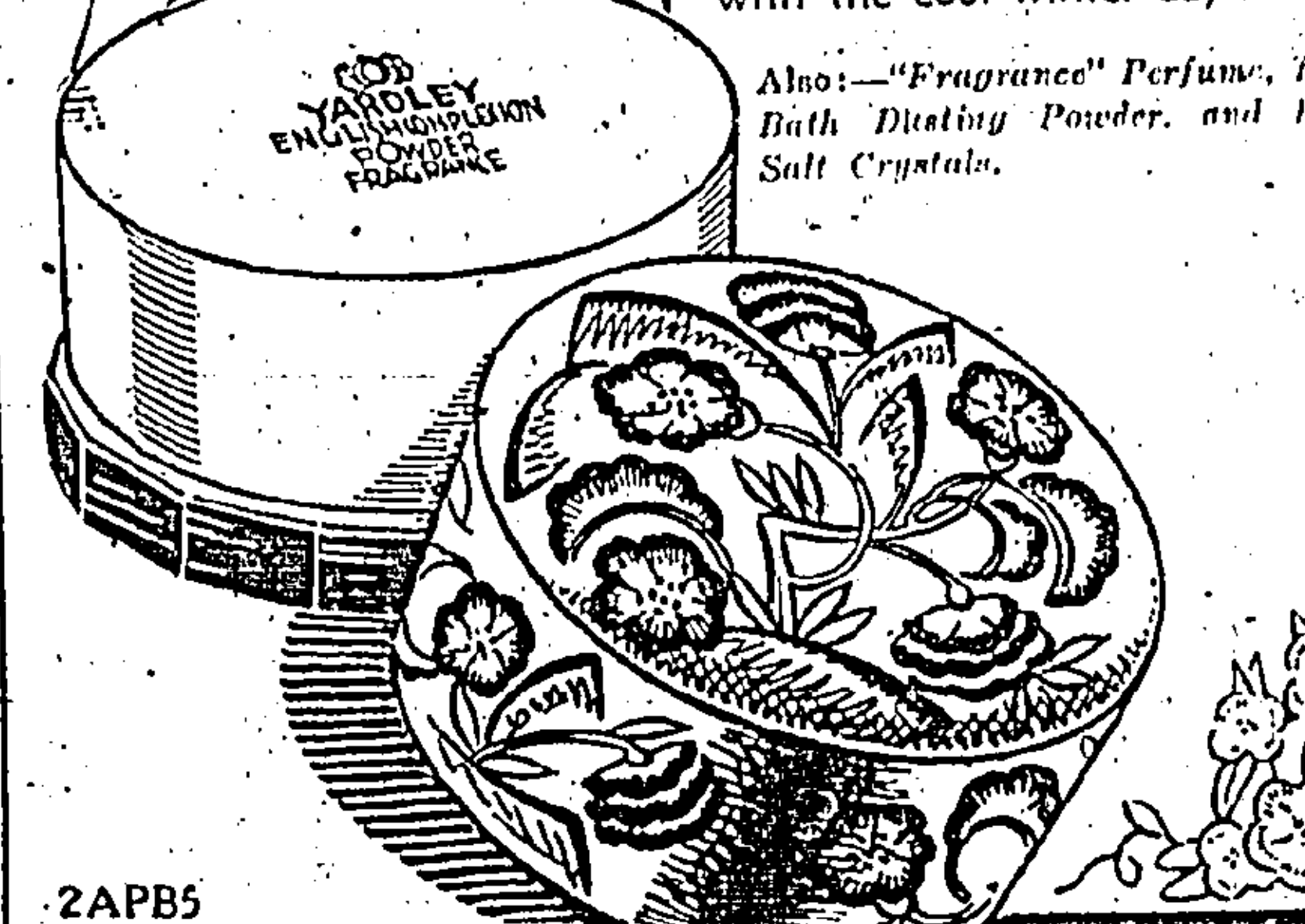
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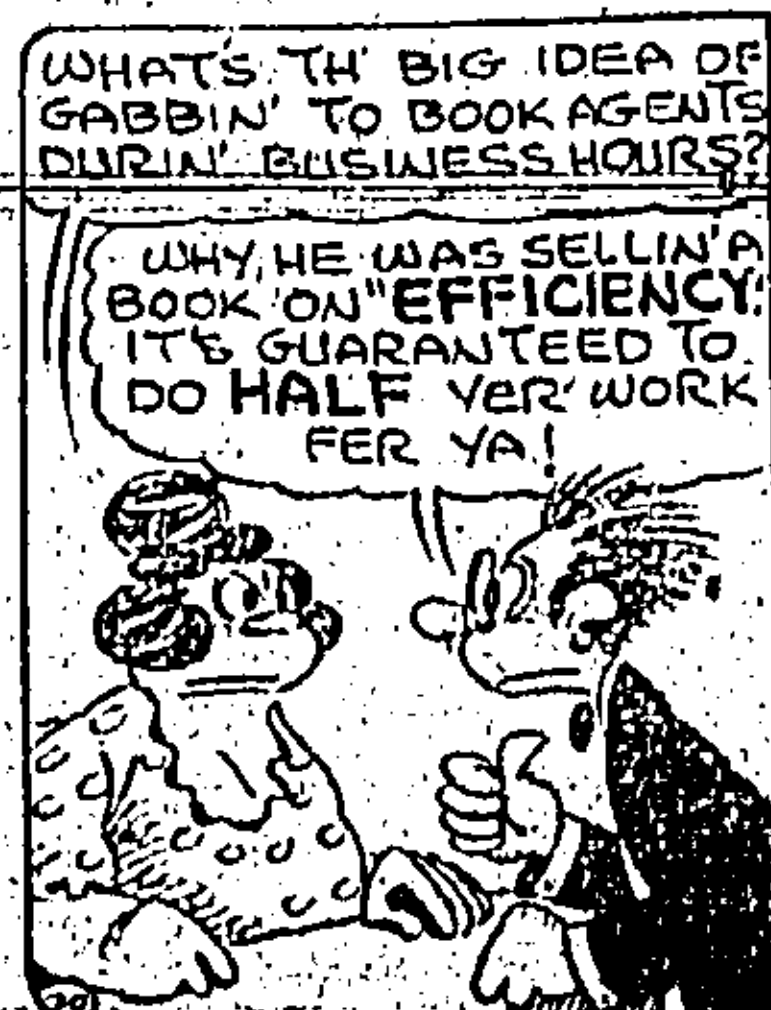
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TROOPS EN ROUTE
TO FAR EAST

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS were the topic when the troopship Dorsetshire called from Southampton last month for Hongkong and Shanghai with 1,500 troops yesterday. Top: Smiling Tommies assisting the chief, and (below) a mother hands her son one of the home-made variety. The puddings were eaten on Christmas Day in the Red Sea.

TRANS-ATLANTIC AERIAL ROUTE
MAY EMPLOY MID-OCEAN DROMENON-STOP SERVICE
DANGEROUS?2,000-MILE LOOP MUST BE CROSSED
AGAINST HEAD WINDS

DISCUSSIONS at Washington between British and American air experts have included an examination of the bold plan for building a "seadrome" to be anchored in the Atlantic.

The "seadrome" is an American idea. A corporation has been formed to exploit the plan and its representatives have toured Europe to try and interest Governments in it.

The idea is that the problem of range over the ocean can best be solved by building an airdrome of steel, towing it into the Atlantic, and anchoring it at a place which would be marked on pilots' charts.

The pilot of the Atlantic flying boat would then land beside it and re-fuel, just as he would at an ordinary flying-boat harbour.

The question of range is a Lisbon, Lisbon and Azores, and Bermuda and the American mainland are all of 1,000 miles and less.

Designs for the "seadrome" have been drawn up and scale models have been tested in rough water.

They have been surprisingly steady because the pillars which support the landing platform go far below the disturbed upper surface of the ocean.

Each "seadrome" is estimated, would cost £1,000,000. It would rest on 32 steel pillars which would go down 200ft. below the level of the Atlantic. Motion of surface waves is not felt below 60ft.

The landing area would tower 100ft. above the waves. The whole structure would be anchored to a buoy, and this would be cabled to the ocean bed below. It would swing head into wind and have runways of about 1,250 yards.

HEAVY AS "QUEEN MARY" The "seadrome" would weigh about as much as the Queen Mary. The original idea was to use these islands for landplanes. They could have an enclosed area of calm water for the flying-boat to alight and taxi up to the re-fueling buoy.

The promoters of seadromes have already spent £100,000 on experiments and models at tests in tanks and with 32ft. scale models in Chesapeake Bay under storm conditions.

The United States Navy Department recommended Congress to spend £1,700,000 on them in the Pacific for strategic bases.

For civil flying, a "seadrome" might, now that the radio compass has been perfected, prove practicable.

Britain's Oldest Woman Dies—Aged 110

"I THINK I will get up to-day," said Mrs. Caroline Merriott, oldest woman in England, one morning last month.

Nurses and fellow-patients in Mayday Hospital, Thornton Heath, laughed at 110-year-old Mrs. Merriott's little joke. They knew—and she knew—that it was nothing more.

An hour later she was dead. She had died peacefully in her bed.

On December 12 she asked one of the nurses how many days there were left to live.

She said: "I don't know, but I shall be 110 to-morrow."

She was born on December 12, 1825, and died on December 12, 1935.

She was the wife of a naval officer and had been married 60 years.

She was a Quaker and had been a member of the Quaker Society for 70 years.

She was a very kind and generous person and was loved by all who knew her.

She was a very good mother and had 12 children.

She was a very good grandmother and had 20 grandchildren.

She was a very good friend and had many friends.

She was a very good citizen and had many friends.

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TSHEKEDI
PLEADS NATIVE
RIGHT TO TRIAL

Johannesburg, Dec. 28. TSHEKEDI, the South African tribal chief whom the King pardoned and reinstated two years ago after his banishment for ordering the flogging of a white man, to-day took a bold step to defend his "rights."

He was granted leave by the Resident Commissioner for Bechuanaland, Colonel C. F. Rey, to bring an action against Sir William Clark, High Commissioner.

"LOSS OF POWERS" Tshekedi, who is chief of the Bamankwato tribe, declares that certain proclamations promulgated last January by the High Commissioner take away powers and jurisdiction from the native chiefs.

"These," he says, "were specially preserved by a verbal treaty between Sir Charles Warren, representing Queen Victoria, and the Bamankwato nation in 1885. This treaty was confirmed in 1895, when Chief Khama visited England."

SOVIET TO
ROPE IN
WILD MEN

2,500,000 STILL
AT LARGE

Moscow, Dec. 30. RUSSIA'S remaining 2,500,000 primitive nomads, descendants of Genghis Khan's "Golden Horde," which spread terror and destruction from the Pacific to the banks of the Dnieper, are to be lured from their roaming life and settled on collective farms.

At a meeting yesterday of the Central Executive Committee of the U.S.S.R. it was decided to begin a rapid extension of the system of communal dwellings, schools and modern farm villages, which in the last ten years have already won over 7,500,000 of the wandering tribesmen to the new mode of living.

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steppe dwellers still retain their ancient customs and superstitions.

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ARCTIC 30,000
YEARS OLDER
THAN ANTARCTIC?

ADMIRAL BYRD'S NOVEL THEORY

Washington, Dec. 25. Antarctica is 30,000 years behind the North Polar regions, Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd said in his first lecture on his second expedition to the "bottom of the world."

"The Ice Age which we found at Antarctica is the same as that around the north pole 30,000 to 35,000 years ago," Byrd told an audience of National Geographic Society members which crowded Constitution Hall.

"You don't have to go backward in history to see what the Ice Age was like, all you have to do is go 10,000 miles to the south."

He said Antarctica was 40 degrees colder than the "top of the world" which he also has explored by airplane. The Admiral said that no animals were able to live away from the edge of the South Polar regions, whereas in the North numerous seals, bears and birds were found far from the shores.

"Devil's Graveyard" "The Devil's Graveyard"—a sea filled with icebergs—was so full that Byrd's party counted 8,000 bergs in one day. The expedition commander said an Arctic patrol would not see that many in a whole year of regular duty.

Byrd related the expedition explored 20,000 square miles of previously unknown sea.

Ross Iceberg, which is 400 miles by 500 miles in area, far surpasses any mass of ice found in the North, Byrd explained.

"Only One Could Go" The Admiral dwelt briefly with his own experiences 123 miles from the Little America camp when he was nearly overcome by fumes from a stove in the lonely, isolated hut.

"I could not ask the men to do the job so I went myself," he said. "We could not take supplies for three men because the night was closing in. Only one could go so I went myself."

"Two men could not go to the isolated camp site for six months because of psychological reasons."

He said he was "deeply grateful" to those who rescued him when he was sick from the fumes. He added, "They did a superb job."

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Ice Age in the sinister flood stage," Byrd said, as he exhibited moving pictures of the 4,000-foot mountains covered with drifts of snow 3,000 feet high. On the south side of some of the mountains, the drifts extended up to the very top of the peaks, Byrd said. Further south, he said, the dog-team explorers found mountains 10,000 feet high.

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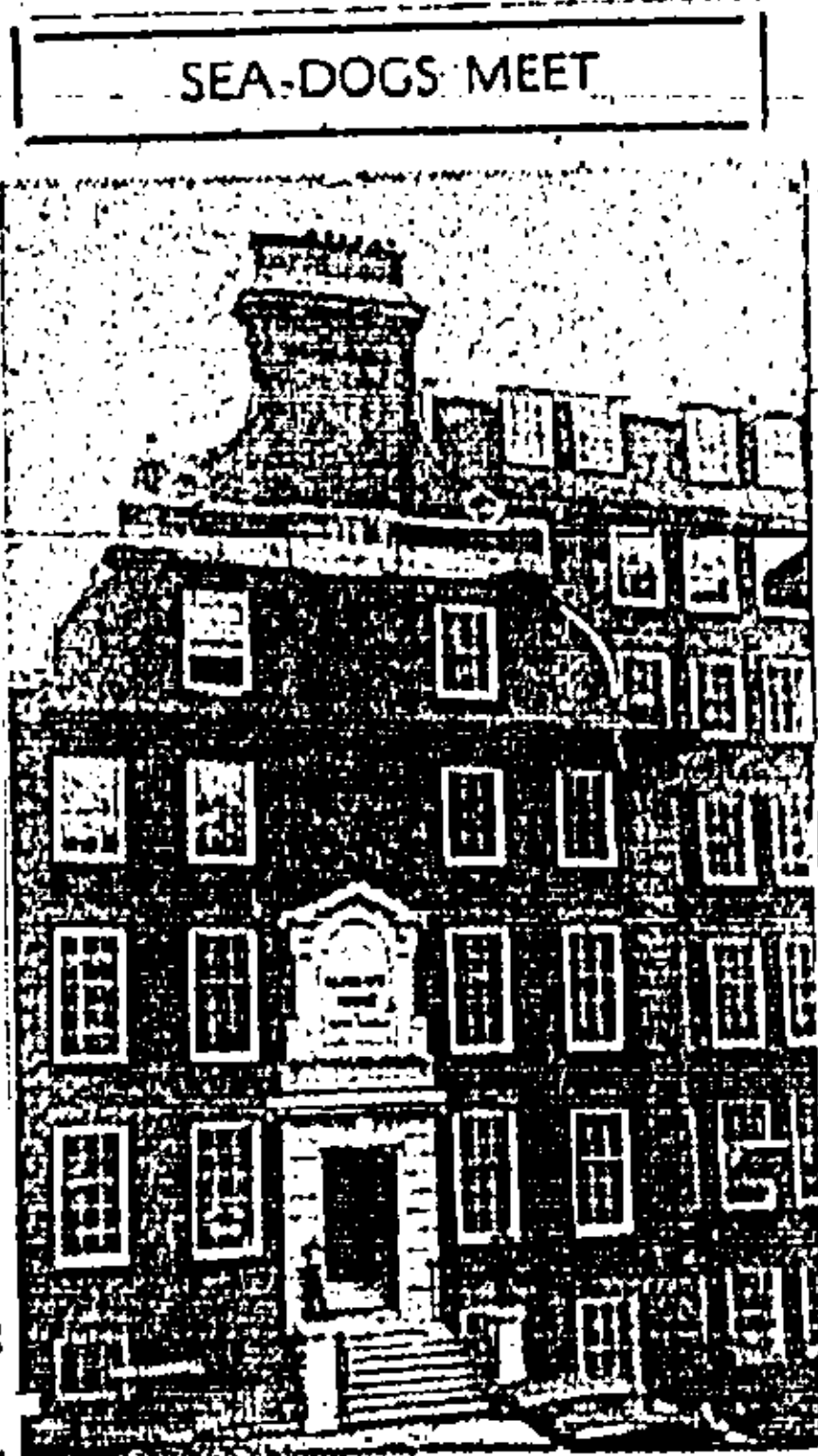
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Clarence House, London, where delegates from five nations have resumed the "hopeless" conference to limit sea armaments. (See Page 6)

You Say It With Smacks
In New Sign Language

LIFTING their thumbs, waving their hands, wriggling their wrists, and jerking their elbows—that is how two hundred earnest men and women in evening dress learned a new language in the amphitheatre of the Royal Institution, Albemarle-street, London, W., recently.

As they wriggled, jerked and waved Sir Richard Paget, the scientist, guided them in "speaking" with their hands.

After an hour they had learned enough to appreciate "sign poems in blank verse," delivered to them by Mr. Taffler, a student of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, and accompanied by Sir Richard at the piano.

So Sir Richard elaborated the "Paget-Davies" dumb language system. He, with Mr. Bertrand Davies and other collaborators, has now composed a sign vocabulary covering all the 350 basic words of the English language, and is still carrying on. He held aloft a large card index file to show how far he had progressed.

TYPICAL SIGNS To emphasize the "poverty of spoken language compared with the language of gestures" Sir Richard said our words were composed of only thirty mouth gestures while it was possible to make as many as 700,000 gestures, distinct and elementary signs, by

using the upper arm, the lower arm and fingers.

Here are a few of the words he taught:—

Do—smack your right palm with your left fist.

Try—stop short of smacking palm with fist.

Fall—miss the palm altogether by sliding the fist under it.

Sir Richard slapped his arms. Everyone shrieked "Bird," and he cried "Good!" Then he ran his fingers all over the desk, while he exclaimed delightedly, "Animals."

SO SIMPLE Afterwards Sir Richard was asked what he hoped for the future of his language.

"It is so wonderfully fundamental," Sir Richard replied, "thumping one hand on the other and then encircling his fingers with the fingers of the other hand. 'You saw how quickly they learned it.'"

Asked how soon he thought the language would spread, he answered that it was merely a matter of how soon people took it up.

"Boy Scouts and the League of Nations could do a great deal," he said.

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LONDON STOCK
EXCHANGELATEST SHARE
QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the London Stock Exchange have been received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz in conjunction with Reuters.

Jan. 8, Jan. 9.
British Government Securities
War Loan 3½%
redm. after 1952 £106 £106

Chinese Bonds

4½% Bonds 1898 (Emp. Iss.)	£102½	£102½
4½% Loan 1908	£ 97	£ 97
5% Loan 1912	£ 75	£ 75½
5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Iss.)	£ 90½	£ 91
5% Gold Bonds 1925-47	£ 90½	£ 90½
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	£ 69½	£ 69½
5% Tientsin-Pukow Rly.	£ 32	£ 32
5% Tientsin-Pukow Railway (Supl. Loan)	£ 31	£ 31
5% Honan Rly.	£ 28	£ 28
5% Hukwang Rly.	£ 47½	£ 48
5% Lung Tsiang U. Hail Rly. 1913	£ 19	£ 19

Foreign Bonds and Banks

German 7% Int. Loan 1924	£ 60	£ 60½
Japan 5% Sterling Loan 1907	£ 85	£ 85½
Japan 6% Sterling Loan 1924	£ 97	£ 97
H.K. & S'hai Bk. (Ldn. Regd.)	£ 98	£ 98
Charl. Bk. of I.A. & C.	£ 13½	£ 13½

Commercial and Industrial

Allied Ironfound- ers	37/3	37/3
Associated & Elec. Industries	43/9	43/9
Austin Motors ord. sh.	44/-	44/-
Boots Pure Drug	50/3	50/8
British American Tobacco (bearer)	115/7½	116/10½
Canadian Celanese Chinese Eng. and Min. (Bearer)	11/6	11/6
Courtaulds	60/-	60/-
Distillers	98/-	98/0
Dunlop Rubber	42/-	42/-
Elec. and Musical Industries	27/1½	27/1½
General Electric (England)	75/-	74/6
Hawker Aircraft	29/3	29/3
Impl. Chem. Ind.	37/3	37/1½
O.K. Bazaar	52/6	52/7½
Impl. Tobacco	155/7½	155/7½
Roils Royce	156/10½	156/3
S'hai Elec. Constr.	46/-	46/-
Tate & Lyle	88/3	89/3
Turner & Newall United Steel	31/7½	31/7½
Victors ord.	20/6	20/9
Watney, Combs & Woolworths	78/6	119/3

Miscellaneous

Anglo-Dutch	27/9	28/-
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	24/-	24/-
Pekin Synd.	1/3	1/3
Rubber Plantation Invest Trust	31/9	32/-
Burma Corp.	11/6	11/6
Commonwealth Mining	9/0	10/8
Randfontein Estates	54/-	53/0
Spaarwater Op- tions	8/3	8/-
Spring Mines	44/4½	45/-
Sub-Misc.	255/0	253/0
Rhokana Corp.	108/3	103/0
Anglo-Iranian	69/4½	69/4½
Burmah	82/6	82/6
Shell Trans and Trad. (Bearer)	83/1½	82/6
Chosen Corp.	11/3	11/6
Marsden invest- ments, Ltd.	27/6	28/6
Guinness	155/-	155/-

ESPIONAGE CHARGE

TRIAL OF GERMAN NOVELIST
POSTPONED

London, Jan. 9.
At the Old Bailey to-day the case against Hermann Görtz, a German novelist who is charged with espionage around British R.A.F. Aerodromes, who was arrested at Margate on December 3, has been formally postponed until the next sessions.

This was on the application of counsel for the defence, who pointed out the difficulty which the accused had had in obtaining money from Germany for his defence, and the necessity for comparing the translations of the documents figuring in the case with the German originals.

—Reuters.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks.

H.K. Banks, \$1,510 b.	
H. K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	
Chartered Bank, £13½ n.	
Mercantile Bank, A. and B.	
£29½ n.	
Mercantile Bank C., £13½ n.	
East Asia Bank, \$76 n.	

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$275 n.	
Union Ins., \$660 n.	
China Underwriters, \$1.10 n.	
China Fire, \$480 n.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$260 n.	
Internat'l Assee., Sh. \$4 n.	

Shipping.

Douglas, \$30 n.	
H.K. Steamboats, \$4 n.	
Indo-China, (Prof.), \$30 n.	
Indo-China (Def.), \$20 n.	
Shell (Bearer), \$2/6 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$12 n.	

Mining.

Antamoka, \$1.45 n.	
Balabac, \$17½ n.	
Baguio Gold, 22 cts. n.	
Benguet Consolidated, \$16½ n.	
Benguet Exp., 11 cts. n.	
Big Wedge, 12 cts. n.	
Gold Creek, 30 cts. n.	
Gold River, 7 cts. n.	
Ipo Mining, 90 cts. n.	
Iligons, 36½ cts. n.	
Salacot, 15 cts. n.	
Kailan, 11/6 n.	
Laukula (Single), \$11 n.	
S'hai Explorations, Sh. \$4½ n.	
S'hai Loans, Sh. \$4 n.	
Raub, Ex div. \$10.50 b.	
Venz: Goldfield \$3 b.	

Docks etc.

H.K. Wharves (old), \$101 n.	
H.K. Wharves (new), \$98½ n.	
H.K. & W. Docks \$9 n.	
Providents (old), \$1.50 b. and sh.	
Providents (new), 15 cts. n.	
Hongkew's (old), Sh. \$237½ n.	
New Engineerings, Sh. \$4 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$80 n.	

Cotton Mills.

Ewo Cotton's Sh. \$9½ n.	
S'hai Cottons (old), Sh. \$75 n.	
S'hai Cottons (new), Sh. \$41½ n.	
Zoong Sing's, \$12 n.	
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$25 n.	

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$5.30 n.	
H.K. Lands, \$36½ n.	
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S'hai Lands, Sh. \$20 n.	
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. \$10 n.	
Humphries, \$10.80 n.	
H.K. Rentals, \$5.35 n.	
Chinese Estates, \$84 n.	
China Realities, Sh. \$4 n.	
China Debentures Sh. \$35 n.	

Public Utilities.

H.K. Tramways, \$14.50 n.	
Peak Trams, (old), \$5 b.	
Peak Trams, (new), \$2½ n.	
Star Ferries, \$90 b.	
Yau-mat Ferries, (old) \$18 n.	
China Lights, \$10.10 b.	
China Lights (New), \$7 b.	
H.K. Electric, \$69.75 b.	
Macao Electric, \$20 n.	
Sandakan Lights, \$2.10 n.	
Telephone (old), \$25½ b.	
Telephone (new), \$10.15 n.	
China Buses, Sh. \$11½ n.	
Singapore Tractions, 17/- n.	
Singapore Prof 26/- n.	

Industrials

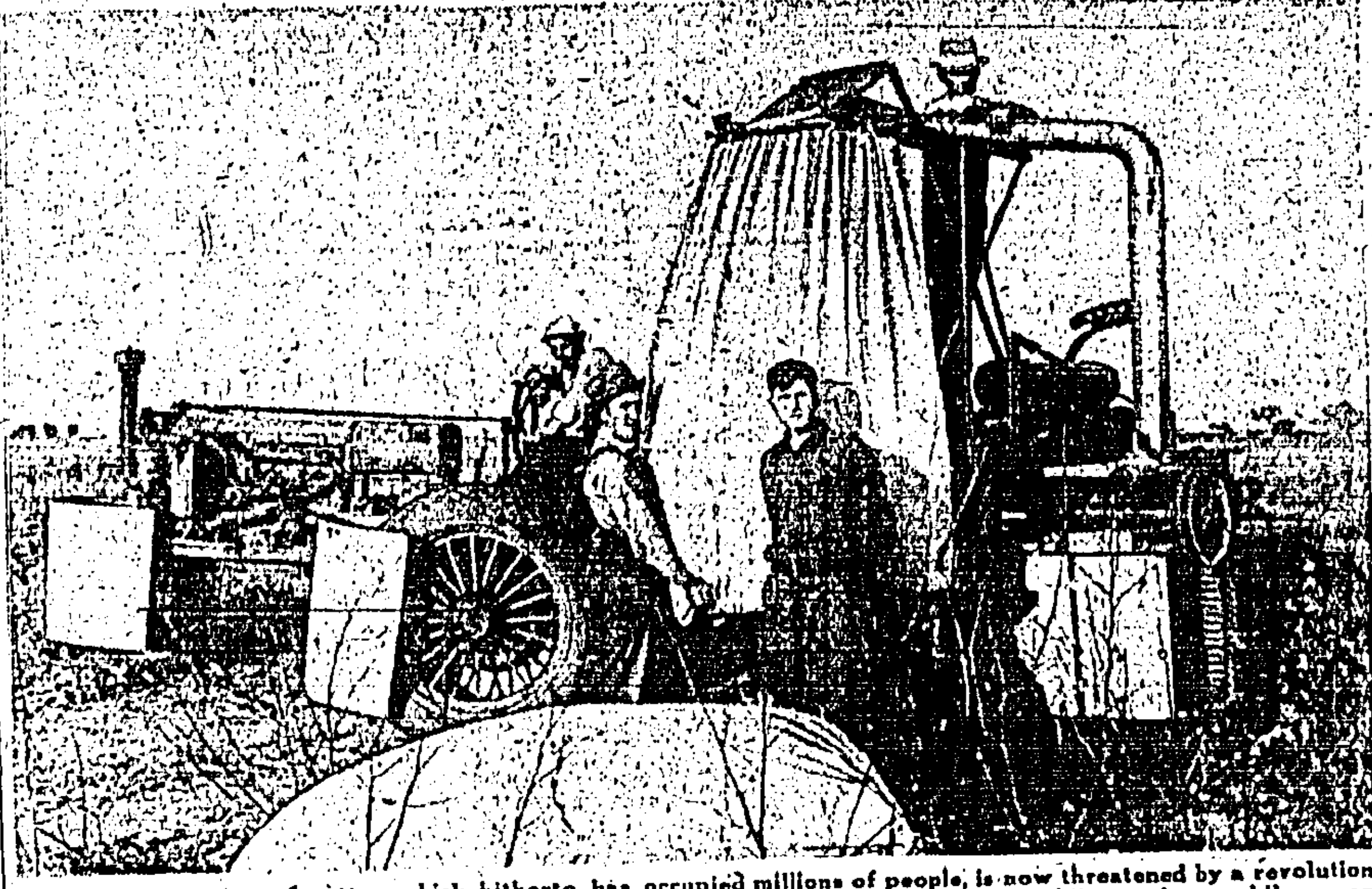
Malabon Sugars, \$8.40 n.	
Cold: Macg. (old), Sh. \$19½ n.	
Cold: Macg. (Prof.), Sh. \$15 n.	
Canton Ice, \$1.45 n.	
Cement, \$8 a. and sh.	
H.K. Ropes, \$4.00 b.	

Stores, &c.

Dairy Farm, \$21.40 n.	
Watson, \$4½ n.	
Lane Crawfords, \$6½ n.	
Mackintosh, \$5 n.	
Sinteros, \$2.30 n.	
Wm. Powells, 70 cts. n.	
Wing On (H.K.), \$42½ b.	

Miscellaneous.

H.K. Entertainments, \$3.40 n.	
S. C. Enterprise \$1.35 n.	
Macqu "Greyhounds," 32 n.	
Constructions (old), \$1.55 n.	
Constructions (new), 50 cts. n.	
Vibro Piling, \$4 n.	



The reaping of cotton which hitherto has occupied millions of people, is now threatened by a revolution owing to this motor tractor. By trials in Arizona it has been possible to reap 600 kilos an hour, while a man can only do 54 kilos a day.

NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGEMARKET IRREGULAR
YESTERDAY

New York Jan. 9.
Swan, Culbertson and Fritz Wall Street Journal comment.—Aircraft companies need new financing and it is predicted that the United Aircraft Company will issue new capital stock. Conservative traders are reluctant to assume new market commitments because the Supreme Court has more "New Deal" decisions pending. Telephone and telegraph earnings are increasing rapidly. Financial circles are not unanimous in the belief that contraction in Government spending is imminent.

S. C. & F. New York Office Cables: Stocks. The market closed irregular and the undertone was easier. The preliminary 1935 earnings of the J. C. Penney Company total \$1.75 per share, against \$1.43 per share the previous year.

Cotton: Prices declined on belated hedging and nervous liquidation in the absence of any definite Government plan. The offtake was poor. Currency expansion is reported to have been advocated by Senators Bankhead, McNary and Houghton and other schemes are being introduced in Congress.

Wheat: Demand from mills for flour is disappointing and exports of wheat are light. The excellent moisture conditions of the winter crop have unsettled the market.

Rubber: The Trade continues to absorb offerings. There is a sustained demand for "smoked" rubber. Special: The Edison Electric Institute estimated electricity production at 1,855,000,000 k.w.h., an increase of 11.2 per cent over the corresponding period of last year. Brokers' Leases during the past week amounted to \$104,000,000, against \$104,000,000 the previous week.

Swan, Culbertson & Fritz—Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's markets.—Stocks were lower late in the session on heavy liquidation after significant issues had advanced in the morning, whilst leaders eased slightly. Oil issues were very strong on the fact that the crude oil price had been advanced in Texas. Traders were confused by the seriousness with which Europe took the suggestion that President Roosevelt should make the Gold price \$41.00 an ounce.

REUTER QUOTATIONS

Dow Jones Averages	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.
20 Industrials	146.16	145.66
20 Rails	42.55	42.55
20 Utilities	31.05	30.48
40 Bonds	99.99	99.98
11 Commodity		
Index	56.17	55.58

London, Jan. 9.
Road accident figures for the week ending January 4 were: 125 killed, 3,153 injured, as compared with 159 killed, and 3,769 injured in corresponding week last year.—British Wireless.

Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G. & Bonds	94½ n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 5% prm. n.	
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan par. n.	
Wallace Harpers \$4 n.	

U.S. COMMODITY
PRICESLATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters.

New York Cotton		
	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.
March	11.14	10.90/83
May	10.82	10.54/61
July	10.60	10.35/25
October	10.12	9.80/83
December (1936)	10.10	9.70/76
Spot	11.00	11.85
New York Rubber		
	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.
March	14.00	13.90/08
May	14.21	14.11/13
July	14.36	14.27/28
October	14.50	14.43
December	14.75	14.64/64
Total sales:—250 lots.		
Chicago Wheat		
	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.
May	102½	101½/101½
July	80½	88½/88½
September	87½	87½/87½
Wednesday's sales: 20,308,000 bushels.		
Chicago Corn		
	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.
May	01¼	01/607½
July	02	01½/61½
September	02	01½/61½
Wednesday's sales: 3,335,000 bushels.		
Winnipeg Wheat		
	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.
May	88½	88/88
July	89	89½/88½
October	89	87/87
New York Silk		
	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.
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May	1.07½	1.04½/04½
July	1.07	1.03/04
Total sales:—116 lots.		

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**TEXTILE INDUSTRY
HOURS**

Important deliberations on the question of working hours in the textile industry—a matter which concerns the Far East and the West as well—marked the recent conference of the International Labour Office in Geneva. The delegates were divided on the desirability of placing on the agenda for the 1936 conference the application of the 40-Hour Week Draft Convention to the industry. Chief objection to this procedure came from the British Government delegate, who contended that the textile industry is so large and important that it ought to be dealt with by itself along lines which take account not only of the reduction of hours, but conditions in general. Despite the opposition, however, the conference decided by a substantial majority that the subject be dealt with at this year's gathering. The British Government viewpoint is based on the consideration that this is a complex international question, calling for the attention not only of the I.L.O. but of Governments and employers' and workers' organisations. Actually, there is a national, a Western, an Oriental, and a world problem involved, and the British spokesman at the conference contended that there should be a conference of Governments, workers' and employers' on the whole question. This suggestion, however, is not supported by the British trade unionists. It is interesting to note that at the conference debate, the Japanese Government delegate agreed with the British Government contentions, but the French and American delegates took the opposite view. One of the suggestions put forward was that the industry, in view of its complexity, should be divided into three groups—wool and cotton, natural and artificial silk, and linen, hemp and jute—but the conference decided to take up the issue as a whole, and by a narrow majority the Governing Body of the I.L.O. agreed to draw up a report so that the conference can, if it so wishes, deal with the question in a single discussion, instead of the procedure of two discussions with a year between each, which is still usual in matters of this kind. Accordingly, in order to prepare the ground and co-ordinate the requirements of the different branches of the industry, a consultation of experts is to be held next month. These experts will be chosen by the I.L.O. itself and will probably include independent members as well as representatives of the national employers' and workers' organisations. The matter is one of marked concern to the textile industry as a whole, with particular reference to the question of working hours in Far Eastern mills. This year's conference is, therefore, charged with

MUST WE BUILD A BIG NAVY

AT the Washington Naval Conference of 1921-1922 the warring nations declared by their actions that at least naval competition should not be the cause for international friction and war.

For 10 years after that treaty naval competition was allayed. A status had been established which was not seriously questioned except by the always dissatisfied admiralties and the jingo press. The three great naval powers—Britain, the United States and Japan—let their actual naval strength fall far behind their treaty limits.

Then national pride and national ambition began to assert themselves. Japan grew restive, smashed the tranquillity of the Pacific with naval guns at Chapel and determined to denounce a naval settlement which denied to her supremacy in the Far East. German engineering skill produced a new type of ship which overnight converted French naval apathy into frenzied building. Italy followed suit. Beginning slowly and almost imperceptibly, the movement gathered momentum until today the naval powers undertake one more effort at naval limitation in an atmosphere already charged with fierce competition.

While the delegates argue in London, the shipyards of the world are filled with the promise of future destruction. The United States—which lagged farthest behind during the peaceful years—has

283,150 tons of grim warcraft on the ways. France comes second with 203,591 tons building or appropriated for. Britain has 183,395 tons of new ships in sight; Germany, 123,000; Japan, 117,707; and Italy, 110,234. Meantime the new naval budgets are in preparation and all give promise of touching new high levels for peacetime.

So ominous is the situation and so irreconcilable are the rival ambitions of the naval powers that hopes for the naval conference are measured not in terms of a new treaty and rigid limitations, but rather in such simple terms as the possibility of obtaining limits on the size of ships in the various classes. The ratio system seems doomed.

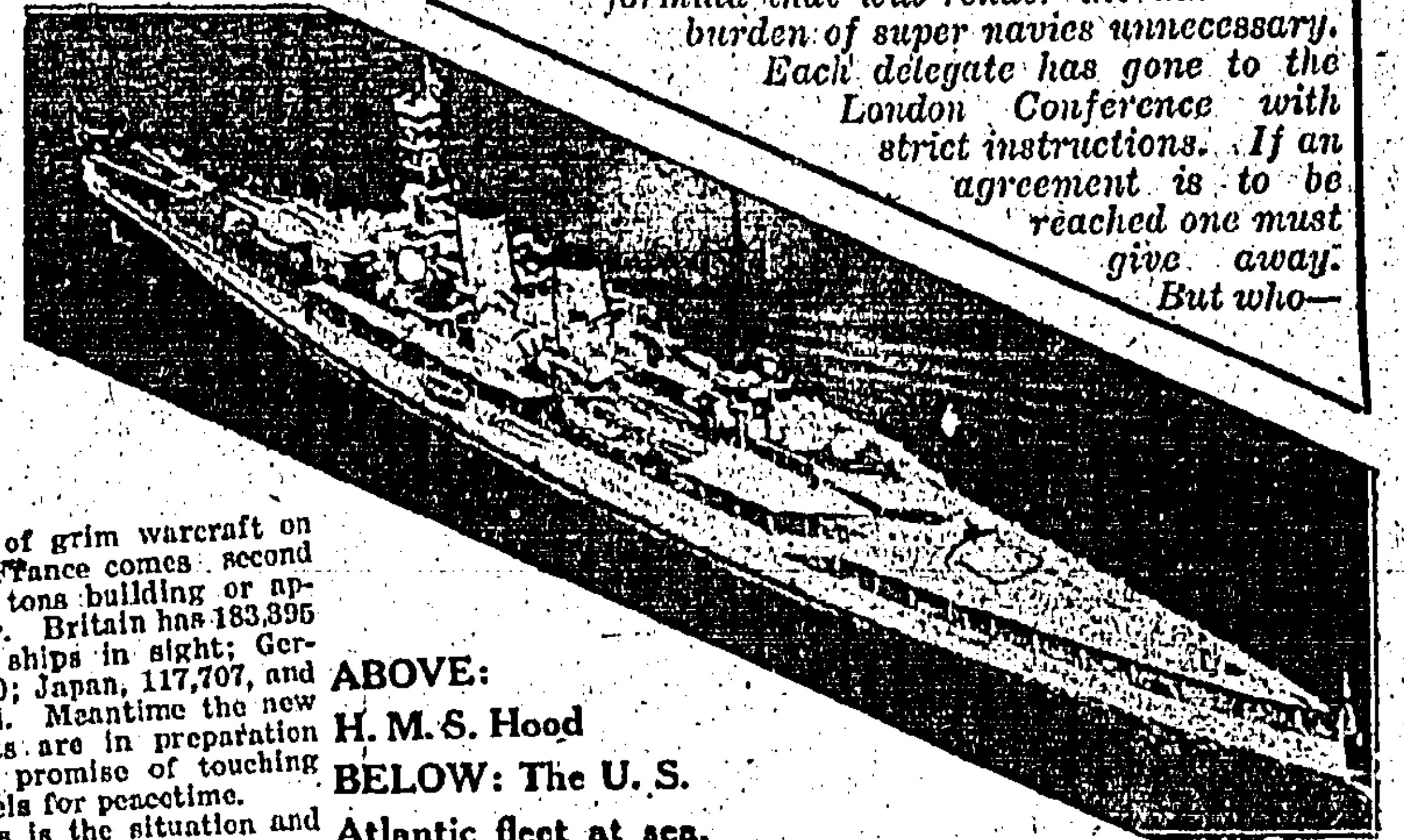
The causes of this situation are to be found primarily in the rivalry in the Far East between Japanese and Anglo-American interests, and in Europe in the sudden renaissance of German sea power. The first is a chronic problem, the second a new one which has just begun to be appreciated in its full import. Because the second has done most to upset the status quo and is least generally appreciated it deserves first consideration.

During the early postwar years the continental powers of Europe neglected their navies—Germany because she was bound by the Versailles Treaty, France and Italy because land armaments were their first concern. Britain, the United States and Japan were left to carry on their somewhat academic rivalries without much concern to the Continent. For more than 10 years after the war no capital ship was laid down on the Continent. The French and Italians built a certain number of small craft, primarily of the coast defence types, but on the whole their navies were in poor condition.

Into this almost tranquil picture Germany launched her famous pocket battleship, the Deutschland, in 1931. It was only 10,000 tons in displacement and hence of treaty cruiser size. But the allied powers had limited only the size of ships for Germany, whereas they had restricted their own 10,000 tonners to eight-inch guns. It apparently never occurred to Germany either at Washington that Germany either could, or would, attempt to put larger than eight-inch guns on a 10,000-ton ship. German engineering skill took advantage of the oversight, mounted six 11-inch guns on the Deutschland, gave her heavier armour than any treaty cruiser, a speed of 26 knots, outclassed every French, Italian and British ship of comparable size, and smashed the naval equilibrium of the Continent.

France, determined to maintain a naval power at least double the German, laid down the 26,500-ton Dunkerque in 1932, and a sister ship, the Strasbourg, in 1934. Italy, by that time beginning to feel the

"A Navy is Built on the Shoulders of the Taxpayer" is a metaphor that is as true as it is mixed. To-day, delegates of five Powers—Great Britain, the United States, Japan, France and Italy—are hopelessly trying to attain a formula that will render the additional burden of super navies unnecessary. Each delegate has gone to the London Conference with strict instructions. If an agreement is to be reached one must give away. But who—

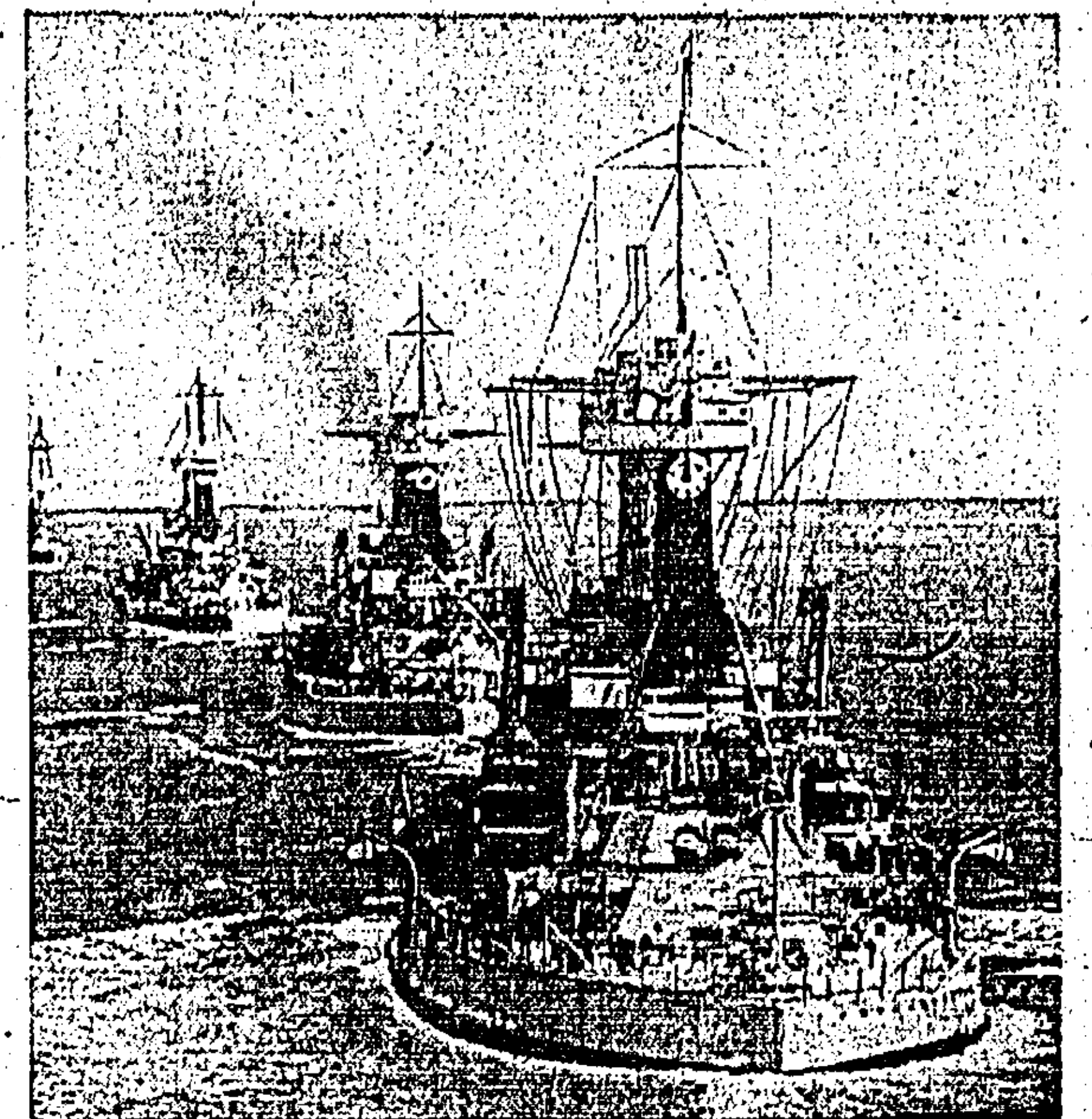


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BELOW: The U. S.

Atlantic fleet at sea.



urge for a place in the sun, began which threatened Britain's lines of construction of two 35,000-ton battleships, the Vittorio Veneto and the Littorio, in March of 1934. In to fear Malta obsolete as a naval addition, Italian engineers had devised a new type of light cruiser—the Bargiano class—which attained ship lines began to estimate the hitherto unbelievable speeds of extra cost of the Cape of Good Hope route.

What England did in the face of this rising threat has laid her open to recrimination and the charge from France that she had taken the longest step yet toward breaking down the Versailles Treaty. But, considering the extent of the continental naval revival and the fact that she was forbidden by the naval treaties to build any new capital ships before 1937, what she did is perfectly understandable. She opened naval negotiations with Germany, and on May 21, 1935, announced an agreement whereby the German navy was permanently pegged at 35 per cent. of the British.

This at least put a top limit on German building, but in doing so gave Germany a total of 420,595 tons, as compared to a navy of 159,190 tons which Germany had at the end of 1934, and also a fleet of capital ships equal to those of France and Italy might build under the treaties. Under this agreement Germany immediately embarked upon a building programme for the current year of 170,000 tons, as compared to the 60,100 tons of modern, postwar ships she now has.

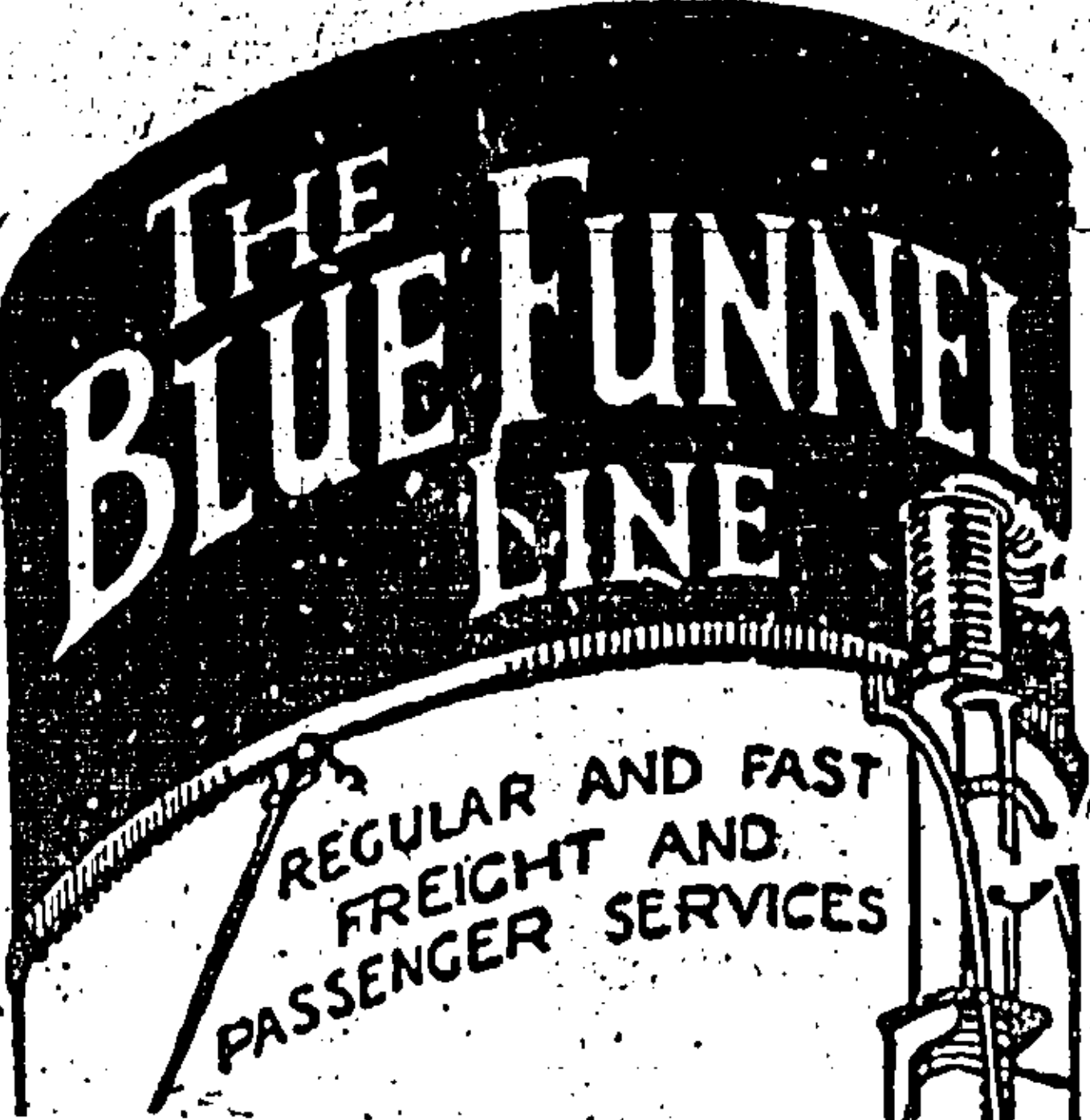
WHATEVER the merits of this action from the British point of view, it immediately established a vicious and apparently endless circle which may end only with the financial limitations of one of the powers concerned. For France has declared that she must have a navy equal to the German plus the Italian, while Italy has made a claim to equality with France. If the Germans build to 35 per cent. of the British, the French would almost certainly aim at double that strength, or 70 per cent. of the British. If the Italians attempt to keep even with France, the French will have the option of accepting Italian parity or moving on up higher toward British strength. Even if France renounces her policy of German-plus-Italian strength there is the prospect of two continental navies each equal to 70 per cent. of the British. But England has always insisted on a navy equal to that of the two largest continental powers combined. England, in the face of a combined French-Italian strength of 140 per cent. of her own, would presumably build more. And any British increase clears the way for additional German tonnage.

THE Pacific presents a less complex and startling, but a more difficult problem for naval limitation. There, more directly than in Europe, the naval settlement was

SIDE GLANCES By George Clark



"Not much luck to-day, Chuck. Most of this stuff is junk."



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SERIAL STORY—

BARGAIN BRIDIE

by KATHARINE HAVILAND-TAYLOR

CHAPTER XXVI

Barrett found Marcia as nervous as an undisciplined woman may be when she is forced to wait for the hour she dreamed she was lying surrounded by many pillows, on an old French sofa upholstered in turquoise. Her face was very white and her eyes seemed bigger and darker than ever. Barrett, coming in from his walk in the brisk fresh air, was stifled by the heat of the room and the heavy colour of tuberoses, freesias and carnations. Marcia drew her head down, kissed him and patted his cheek with one small hand. All the miserable morning—all her mornings were miserable now—she had tried to think only of his happiness and to forget her fears. But no matter how she tried she could not manage it. Marcia knew that if Elinor should find out about Gerald, Barrett would explain. And if he explained, Elinor would be sure to tell her mother. Or some friend. What girl would not?

After that the whisper would travel and Dick would find out. And if Dick found out he would never forgive her. She was growing more certain of that fact every day. She had tested him only to watch with his answers. "Dick, don't you loath him?" "Why consider them, sweet? They aren't worth it, are they? And we don't have to consider them, you know, dear." No, they didn't have to if Barrett never told anyone. But if he told anyone they might have to. She had been so weak the whole night, trying to be decent about it, to be happy for Barrett; but failing, knowing only fear.

Barrett said bluntly, "It's about 110 in here, Marcia. It's no wonder you feel ill." He remembered Marcia's mother's last days. The overheated room in which she preferred to gasp, the sickening odour of flowers. "Marcia," he went on gently, "you should have some windows open. Have you been out at all today?" "I'm not well enough," she answered moodily. "You don't realize how ill I am, Barrett. No man could—or would if he could!" she ended bitterly.

He sat down in a straight chair that was near her sofa. He hoped she was not going to act as she had in the old days. He had come there happily in spite of the twist that fate had given his life. He had come feeling that the tangled skein would straighten out to give, at least, an assurance of peace to Elinor and himself.

He heard Marcia's voice again. She varied her refrain. "I am very, very ill, Barrett," she stated. He studied her, frowning; sorry for her but nevertheless irritated. The world was full of women who felt as she did and who said nothing about it. But soft cushions and flowers do not breed any sort of strength. Marcia pushed the jet-black curling hair away from her moist forehead. "It is worry that is killing me!" she went on. "I ought not to be worried now—and Dick would never forgive me. I know he wouldn't. I know it!" Barrett waited. She was leading up to something that she meant to ask. He knew her ways all too well.

"What particular," he probed as gently as he could, "is worrying you, Marcia?" She wiped the palms of her small hands on a handkerchief before she spoke. "The idea of your telling Elinor about Gerald!" she stated. He made no answer. Rather stupidly he fumbled for his cigarette case, brought it forth and lit a cigarette. Then he puffed deeply, staring absently at the no. 10 of a pack from which the faint blue smoke rose lazily into the heavy air. He had

had no intention of telling Gerald's story to Elinor, yet he did not want to promise Marcia that he would never tell her. A time might come when Elinor would ask questions, and have every right to know the truth. "She would—talk!" Marcia went on, her voice low and pulsing. "No, Marcia. She wouldn't."

The woman laughed acidly. "No?" she murmured with a lingering upward inflection. She lay back, hoping I shall die!" she said. "I think I can easily be not wanting to die, and do not want to live under this threat which you continue to hold over me!" "Is that quite fair?" he asked, knowing he was acting a fool in trying to reason with her. Again she sat upright. "Is it fair," she demanded bitterly, "for me to pay and pay and pay for the fact that I was a child—trusting child—craving warmth and held down by an old man who knew nothing of the needs of my nature? And I believed you," she ended with a change of tone, "when you said you would help me!" "Haven't I tried to help you?" Barrett asked.

"Go! Go now and tell her!" Marcia exclaimed. She began to tear at the small cushions with her hands that found strength in her frenzy. Wrenching sobs shook her. She clutched at her hair, together with her teeth on her hand. Barrett caught her hands and held them. It was no easy job with her maddened struggling. "Hush!" he ordered. "Do you want to hear what I'm going to say to you?"

"Not unless—unless—" she waited. "You win," he said loudly. "Let's see it." "You are so ill!" he began. "that I can not let you work yourself into one of these frenzies. You are ill because you have indulged your wish for heat and idleness but that doesn't change the matter. I have to give in to you. And I do, but against my will. I promise you, Marcia, that I will not tell Elinor the truth about Gerald no matter what she thinks of me. Does that satisfy you?"

He dropped her hands, stood away. "Darling!" she murmured, smiling up at him with lips that trembled. He shook his head. She had forced him to make a promise that might do away with any possibility of understanding between him and Elinor. He had wanted, above all things, that Elinor should respect him. She might now, misunderstanding, learn to loathe him, to think of him with a shudder. "It is most unfair of you, Marcia," he said slowly. He moved toward the hall.

"Barry!" she called, appealing. For the first time in his life he did not answer that call. She rose as quickly as she could to follow him. "Where are you going?" she exclaimed.

"To my wife," he answered sternly. "I haven't said one word about your happiness—" she murmured. He smiled grimly. She had, perhaps, said several words about his happiness. Time would prove that.

"Marcia," he called, when Dick arrived. She had felt very ill all day, she confessed. She was frightened. He drew her into his arms. Somehow, she added, voice breaking, Barrett's marriage had upset her.

Dick Radnor muttered his comment as his hand moved over Marcia's hair. "I understand that, dearest," he confided. "You've hated the Stafford family's dishonesty, paraded in the way they tried to deceive old Miss Ella Sexton in order to get her money, haven't you?"

She sobbed deeply and he held her closer. "We don't understand that sort of thing, do we, dear?" he ended. Her "No!" was hysterical; too

loud. Then suddenly she smiled, relaxed. Barrett never broke a promise and Barrett had promised her that he would never tell Elinor the truth about Gerald.

(To Be Continued.)

CINEMA NEWS

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES

A mighty epic of the screen directed by Professor Max Reinhardt, in association with William Dieterle, is a Warner Bros. production of the famous Shakespearean comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Which opens with a gala premiere at the Queen's Theatre to-night at 9 o'clock. It is set to the strains of Mendelssohn's beautiful music as arranged by the famous Wolfgang Korngold. The unique dances are staged by none other than Bronislava Nijinska and Nina Thekla. There are "preludes" to the "Nocturnal" and the "Scherzo." The "Nocturnal" is the story of the wood creatures who are very happy in the moonlight and who desperately fight off the approach of darkness. The lovers in the story are asleep in the woods when suddenly Puck appears, heralding the approaching departure of the moonlight. Then begins a strange, exciting commotion in the forest. There is rushing everywhere as the creatures of the night protest in vain and scurry hither and yon. Across the meadows comes Oberon, King of the Fairies. He stands in a dark chariot, drawn by four black horses, his long plumed mantle stretching far behind him. Close to him file the countless dark elves and night creatures with white catlike faces. Behind him the Fairies are poised for flight. A swirling mass of green figures prowl along the edge of Oberon's mantle, seeking protection. Then, from nowhere comes a startling, insistent creature, bright as sunlight itself. She flutters more and more anxiously, circling around the sleeping mortals and finally takes refuge beside her own Fairy Queen, Titania, who is also asleep. This is Nina Thekla, protectress of and successor to Faylova, and her presence in the dance of Europe. Darkness comes on, inexorably, and the ballet becomes an intense dramatic struggle. Then Darkness itself, an awesome creature, attempts to woo Thekla. She tries to flee, but he throws the veil over her and she is forced to succumb. The Dark creature lifts her high—the light fades from her body and face, shadows recede from her outstretched arms and she is swallowed up in darkness.

"Anna Karenina" is a twelve-starring picture for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, the most ambitious production of her career. The picture, opening on Saturday at the Alhambra and King's Theatres, marks her 10th anniversary with the M-G-M studios. The new film, based authentically on Leo Tolstoy's immortal classic, presents Miss Garbo in a famous drama against a true background of imperialistic Russia at the height of that nation's glory fifty years ago. Frederic March, acclaimed for his roles in "We Live Again," "Affairs of Cellini" and "Les Misérables," is co-starred with Miss Garbo much to the delight of her admirers. The picture is the first David O. Selznick—who brought "Little Women," "David Copperfield" and many other famous stories to the screen—has produced with Miss Garbo and promises to equal if not surpass all his other notable productions in authenticity, grandeur and massive production. It brings together Miss Garbo and Director Clarence Brown for the sixth time and renews one of the most successful star-director teams in the industry. The cast includes no less than forty featured players as Miss Garbo's supporting artists. At the top of the galaxy stand such noted names as Freddie Bartholomew (of "David Copperfield" fame), Maureen O'Sullivan, May Robson, Basil Rathbone, Reginald Owen and Reginald Denny.

"Escape Me Never" is a great actress, Ellenbogen, her greatest role in "Escape Me Never," at the King's Theatre to-day. The principals of the original West End stage cast which supported the star in the Theatre Guild's triumphant Broadway presentation of the Margaret Kennedy play, including Hugh Sinclair, Griffith Jones, Loch Quarmaine, and others, retain their stage roles in the film which Paul Caster, distinguished director-husband of Ellenbogen, directed for B. & D. "Escape Me Never" was adapted by the screen by Carl Zuckmayer and is released through United Artists. In addition to those already mentioned, prominent roles are played by Irene Vanbrugh, Penelope Dudley-Ward, Lyn Harding and Rosalind. The picture, "Escape Me Never," is a George C. Gorham and Son Algor are credited with the magnificent photographic effects, and William Walton wrote the music.

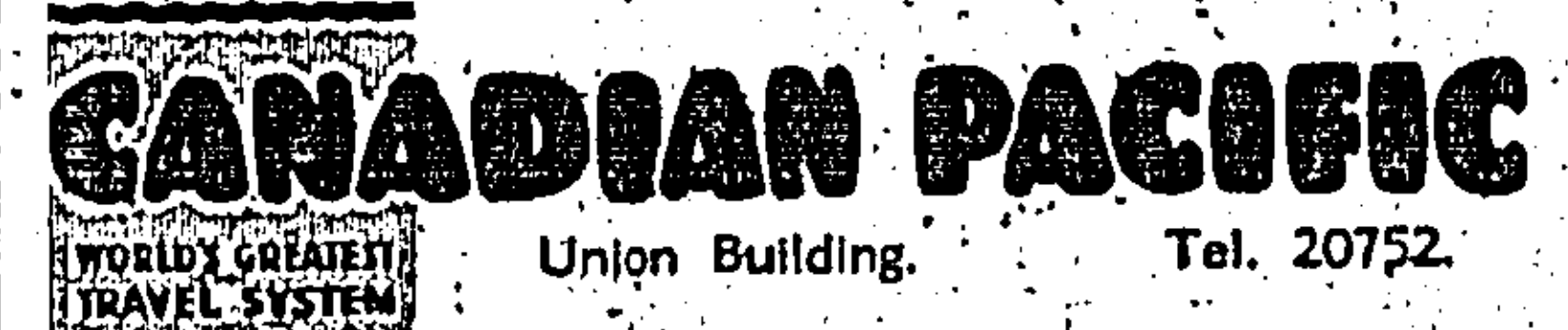
"Stranded" is the cycle of pictures that have various departments of Government services for background is now complete. The last remaining branch, Department of Immigration, is covered in the new Warner Bros. picture, "Stranded," which comes to the Star Theatre to-day. Instead of the fast and furious action of the fighting branches, Immigration offers a more human interest. Key Francis, in the role of a representative of the Travellers Aid Society, sits in the



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E/Canada	Apr. 3	Apr. 6	Apr. 8	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 22
E/Russia	Apr. 17	Apr. 19	Apr. 21	Apr. 23	Apr. 25		May 4
E/Japan	May 1	May 3	May 5	May 5	May 7	May 14	May 19
E/Asia	May 15	May 17	May 19	May 21	May 23		June 1
E/Canada	May 29	May 31	June 2	June 3	June 5	June 12	June 17
E/Russia	June 12	June 14	June 16	June 18	June 20		June 29
E/Japan	June 26	June 28	June 30	July 1	July 3	July 10	July 14
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London, Jan. 9.
 The publication called the British Shipbuilding Industry for 1935 issued by the Shipbuilding Employers Federation, in referring to shipping now under construction, says that new vessels will be able to pay their way where other ships could only be run at loss. It proceeds: "Improvements in hull form, and in machinery, resulting from extensive tank research and experiments have made it possible for British shipbuilders to offer modern ships capable of carrying twice as much freight-paying cargo for each ton of coal consumed, compared with cargo vessels built eight or ten years ago."
 The report adds that the lukewarm attitude of some shipowners to the scrap and build scheme is lessening.

centre of this human maelstrom, helping, directing, consoling. It is here that George Brent, the young bridge builder, sees an incident that dramatically changes the course of their love. The picture is a thrilling and romantic drama based on the story for B. & D. "The White Cockatoo" by Lord Dunsany and Frank Wead and Ferdinand Reyher. Others in the cast include Patricia Ellis, Ronald Woods, Robert Barry and Barton MacLane. Frank Borzage directed.

"The White Cockatoo" is the new Warner Bros. murder mystery drama comes to the Queen's Theatre at an early date with Ben Hur. It is directed by George C. Gorham and features a cast of stars. The picture is based on the thrilling novel of Mignon Eberhart and is said to be filled with hair-raising situations that hold the suspense to an unusual climax. There are three murders, the kidnapping of an American heiress, and several other attempted crimes, all committed in a spooky hotel in the wind-swept coast of France. The plot centres about the attempt of two bands of criminals, working independently to steal the fortune of the heiress. The crimes are committed in an effort to get hold of secret papers. Mysterious persons

AQUARIUM SOCIETY

VALUABLE TALK ON LOCAL AQUATIC PLANTS

A good attendance at the Hongkong Aquarium Society's meeting on Wednesday evening listened to a talk on aquatic plants by Dr. C. C. Herklotz. The speaker traced the different forms of plants living in water—some with leaves wholly submerged, either floating-plants or rooting forms, and others which grow in water but produce their leaves on or above the surface. Dr. Herklotz pointed out the forms with submerged leaves are necessary. He also explained the differences between land and aquatic growths.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the talk was the practical side. Dr. Herklotz showed specimens of all the species he mentioned, and those had Latin, English and Chinese names appended. They covered most of the aquatic plants usually to be found in local streams and ponds, and had been gathered in the last few years apart from Kam Tin, Kowloon City and Little Hongkong.

At the previous meeting, Mr. Alves, a veteran fish fancier, gave an illuminating talk on how to construct aquaria for the home. These monthly lectures and discussions are proving most helpful, and it is hoped that a syllabus of further talks is being drawn up. The Society meets provisionally on the second Wednesday of each month at 8.30 p.m. in the laboratory of the Biology Department, Hongkong University. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. D. E. Sugars, of the P.W.D.

creeping about the creaky hotel at night and suddenly vanishing as into thin air, a hidden chamber without doors, a girl appearing in two places at the same time and other strange phenomena add to the eerie atmosphere. There is an all-star cast with Jean Muir and Ricardo Cortez in the romantic roles, and around whom the plot centres. Others in the cast include Ruth Dunning, Walter Hollander and John Broderick. Gordon Westcott, Addison Richards and Pauline Garay.

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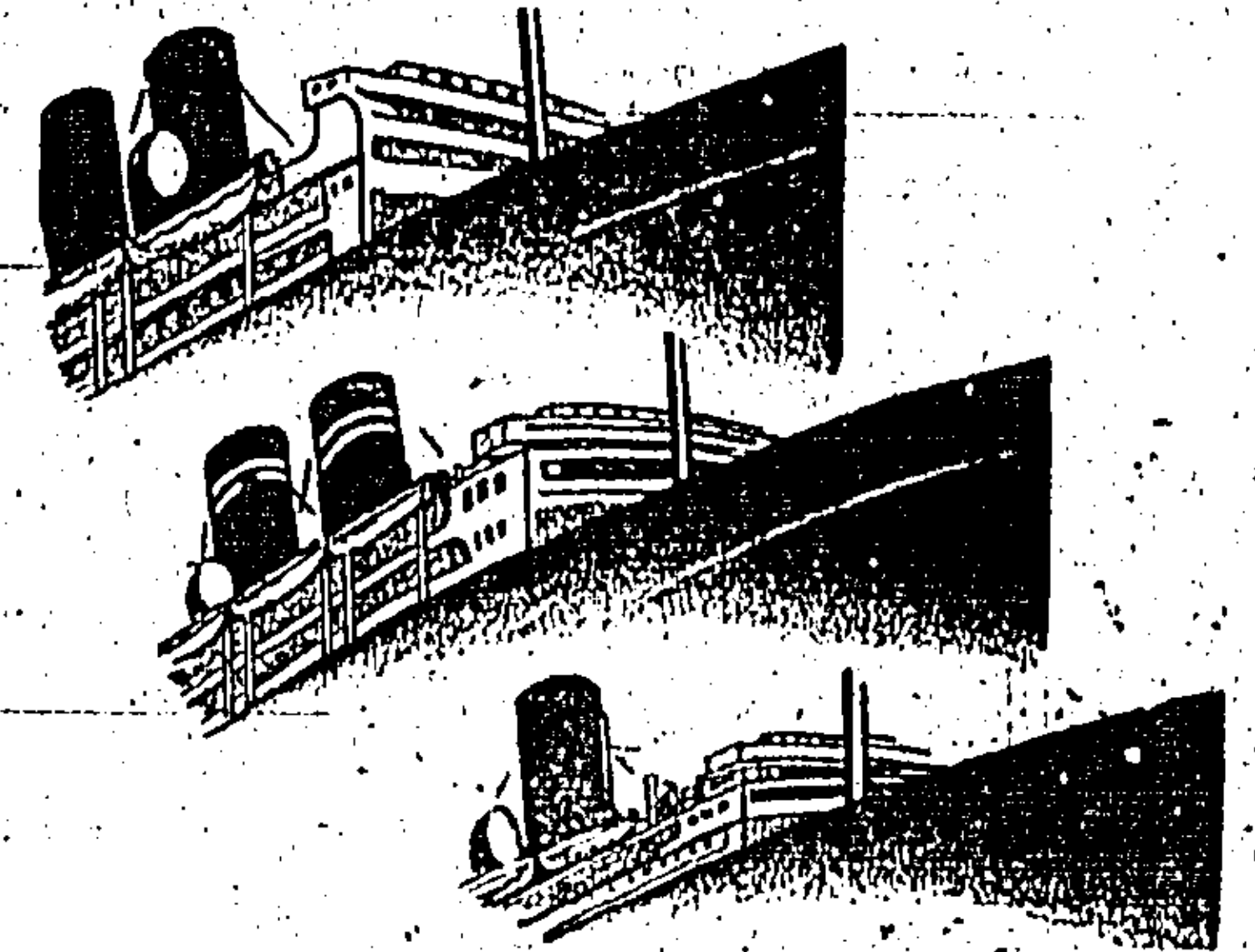
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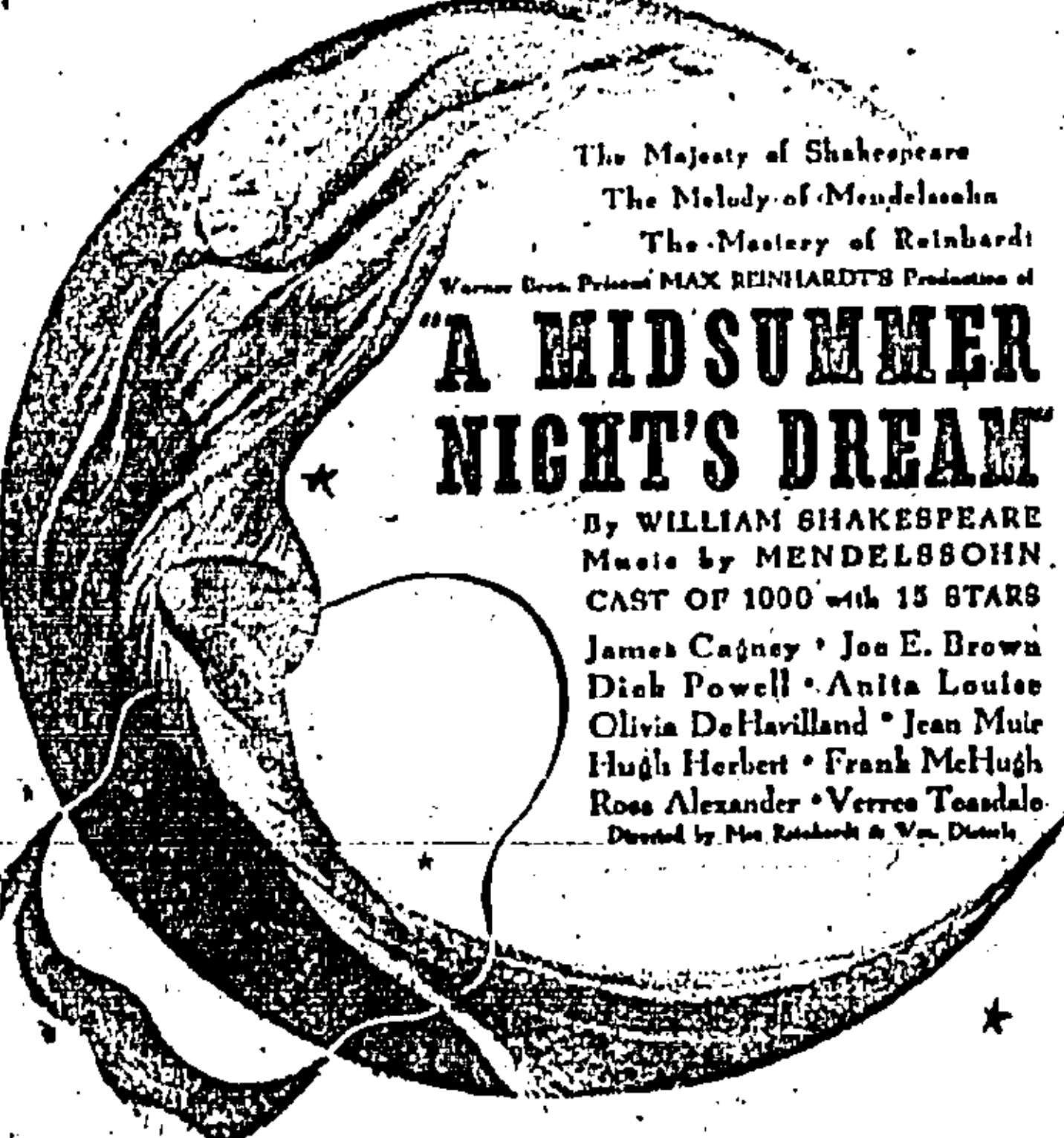
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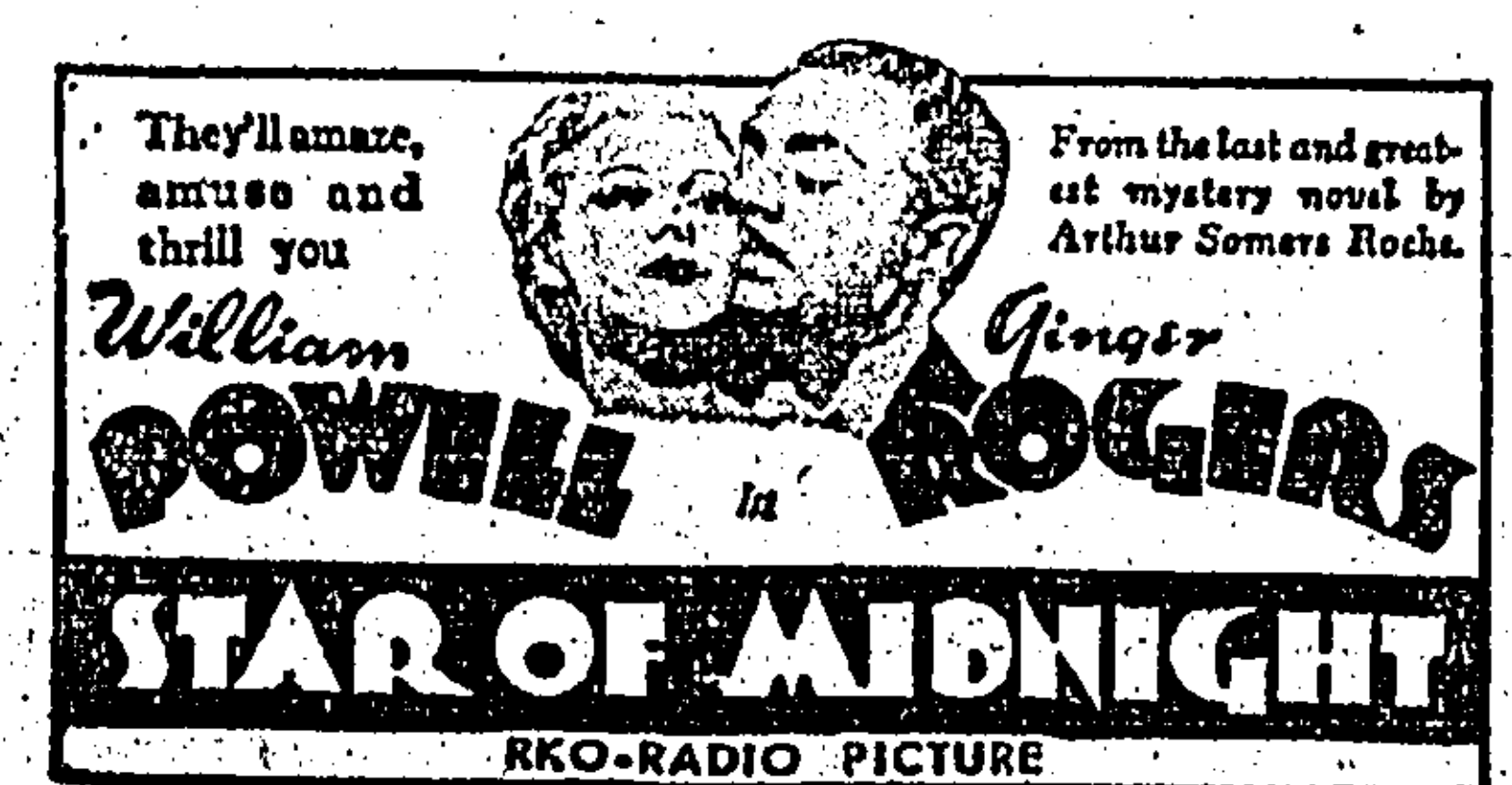
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Counterfeit Money

TWO REMANDED ON \$4,000 BAIL

Chan Chiu, manager of the Tak Wo grocer's shop, No. 269 Lockhart Road, ground floor, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged on two counts of uttering nine counterfeit ten cent pieces at the shop on January 8 and possession of 105 counterfeit ten cent pieces.

Mr. C. E. R. Sanderson appeared for the defendant and tendered a plea of not guilty on both charges.

Sub-Inspector Carey asked for a week's remand, the application being granted, and bail in \$2,000 being fixed.

Lui Kam, aged 32 years, described as a "military doctor," was also charged with possession of 200 counterfeit ten cent pieces at Wanchai on the same day.

Sub-Inspector Carey asked for a week's remand, which was granted, bail being fixed in \$2,000.

NOTABLE MEDICO PASSES

SCIENTIFIC FILM PIONEER

London, Jan. 9.

The death has occurred, at age of 62, of Dr. R. G. Cantl, who has done notable pioneer work in the making films for scientific and medical research. By an apparatus of his own construction, based on that used in microscopic photography and slow motion films, he obtained visible records of the progress of living cells under conditions of disease.

One of Dr. Cantl's films, showing the reactions of cancerous growths to radium rays, was shown to a distinguished lay audience at 10, Downing Street some time ago, while Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was Premier.

Tributes to the value and promise of Dr. Cantl's work are paid, to-day by his medical colleagues, including Lord Horder.

Dr. Cantl also took a leading part in inspiring and organising the British Red Cross blood transfusion Service, which now numbers over two thousand volunteers.—*British Wire.*

AGE ADDS TO JADE'S VALUE

THIEF SOLD BANGLE FOR ONLY \$4

A jade bangle, stated to have been buried eight times, and valued at \$200, formed the subject of a charge of theft brought against Shum Tak, alias Shum Wun-man, 39, before Mr. Macfadyen at the Central Police Court this morning. The complainant was Cheng Nam, 44, fowl dealer, of 15, Cochrane Street. Six weeks' hard labour was imposed, while on a charge of illegal pawning of the article the defendant was fined an additional \$50 or one month in default.

Detective Sergeant Cashman stated that the bangle was pawned for \$4. A jade dealer in Queen's Road informed him that if one did not know the age of a bangle one could not tell its value. The defendant read of the theft report in the newspapers and returned it to the complainant with a pawn ticket and one dollar.

FLEETS' JOINT STRATEGY

BRITISH AND FRENCH MANOEUVRES

London, Jan. 9.

In less than a fortnight France and Great Britain will have their battle fleets ready to co-operate within easy striking distance of the western Mediterranean.

Simultaneous manoeuvres will place the Fleets in an excellent position for quick action when the League Committee of Eighteen resumes its study of the Italo-Ethiopian problem and the extension of sanctions to include oil later this month.—*United Press.*

BIG RAILWAY CONTRACTS

London, Jan. 9.

Contracts for \$72,000 worth of railway material have been placed by the New Zealand Government with five British firms.—*British Wireless.*

U. S.—SWISS PACT

Washington, Jan. 9.

The United States and Switzerland to-day signed a trade reciprocity pact.—*United Press.*

U.S. WON'T DEVALUE DOLLAR

MORGENTHAU DENIES HARMFUL RUMOUR

BANKHEAD'S DEMANDS

Washington, Jan. 9. Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, to-day deprecated the rumours abroad to the effect that further devaluation of the dollar was imminent. The Administration's alleged plan being to offset the effect of the A.A.A. decision.

Indicating his belief that the rumours had been started by some speculator, with ulterior motives, Mr. Morgenthau hinted that for some time the administration had been studying the extension of the Stabilisation Fund, which in the ordinary course of events would expire on January 25.

Currency expansion, to protect farm prices, has been advocated in the Senate by Senator Bankhead in an assault upon the A.A.A. decision.

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

To-morrow's Picture Features

Numerous photos, of topical interest will appear in to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* Pictorial Supplement.

Weddings illustrated will be those of Mr. L. S. Stewart and Miss L. P. Lloyd, Mr. J. W. Winfield and Miss F. E. Winfield, Mr. Kong Yu-cheng and Miss Kwok Kwei-lin, and Mr. Pang Kui-beau and Miss Tsui Lai-too.

Amongst groups will be those taken at the New Year dance at the Military Hospital, the dinner by the mouth-organ band of H.M.S. Kent, the Hong-kong rifle team shooting in the N.R.A. overseas match, and a children's party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Martin.

by the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, President Roosevelt has conferred with legal advisers, financial experts and agricultural leaders on the A.A.A. problem.

Calling the Supreme Court's decision astounding, Senator Bankhead declared: "The President is empowered, and he should exercise his power, to issue currency against all the silver and gold owned by the Government and at present lying sterile in the Treasury."—*Reuter.*

READY FOR RAIN

NOVEL COMFORTS FOR BERLIN GAMES

Berlin, Jan. 9.

The German officials of the Olympic Games Committee are making every provision for the comfort of spectators.

The arrangements include the provision to each spectator of an oil-paper raincoat, large numbers of which have been ordered from Japan at a cost of 1½d. each.

Printed sheets containing the National Anthems of the participating countries will also be of oil-paper, and will thus be legible even in the rainiest weather.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

STRATEGIC RAIL LINE BUILDING

EGYPT TO CONSTRUCT IMPORTANT LINK

Cairo, Jan. 9.

The Government has decided to appropriate \$24,000 for the construction of a fifty mile railway from Fouka to Mersamruh, in western Egypt, which has been a prominent place in the news since precautions were taken against a threat of invasion from Italian Libya.

Great Britain's contribution to this project will be \$20,000.—*Reuter Special.*

COUNTERFEIT COINS

Yip Suk-moi, alias Yip Tuk-cho, 40, shopkeeper, was charged before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with (a) possession of 228 counterfeit ten cent pieces of mixed metal at No. 1 Sha Po Road; and (b) possession of 250 similar coins at No. 47 Po Kong Road on January 8. On the application of Inspector Chester-Woods, defendant was remanded for seven days.

Bicycle Thief Imprisoned

REPAINTED & SOLD STOLEN MACHINE

Two men described as deliverers, Wong Sau-ming, 18, and Ho Tak-fai, 30, were brought before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and charged in connection with the theft of a bicycle on December 12 last. First defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour while the second accused, who denied receiving the machine, was discharged.

Sub-Inspector Flattery appeared for the prosecution and stated that the complainant, Lau Sau-ying, 22, married woman, was the proprietress of a bicycle shop at No. 101 Cheung-shwan Road. On Dec. 12 first defendant went to the shop and hired a bicycle for which he paid a deposit of five-cents. The machine was not returned and a report was made to the Shamshui Police Station.

Yesterday on information received first defendant was arrested at Kowloon City. Second defendant was also arrested. He had just received the machine from first accused to sell.

The machine at first was painted black but when recovered it was found that it had been repainted red. It was valued at \$10.

SWINDLER CAUGHT

TRIED TO DEFRAUD TOBACCO STALLS

A system of swindling cigarette stalls was revealed at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when Yuen Tait, 32, unemployed, was charged before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones with stealing three packets of cigarettes from Chan Sin, 56, a licensed cigarette stall holder, by means of a trick. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

Detective-Sergeant MacPherson appeared for the prosecution and stated that about 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday defendant went to the complainant's stall and asked for three packets of cigarettes for which he tendered a \$10 note. The complainant said that she had no change and defendant asked for the note back and returned three packets of cigarettes, which were found to be hand-rolled cigarettes and not the original.

Defendant went to another stall and did the same and was just about to hand \$10 note to the stallholder when the first complainant came up and blew a police whistle and had defendant arrested.

THREW AWAY PARCEL

When the constable came to arrest him, defendant was seen to throw away a small parcel, which was found to contain several packets of specially-made cigarettes. Besides the \$10 note, defendant had a quantity of small change.

Questioned, defendant stated that he did it in a "moment's temptation." The money, he explained, was to be paid as rent.

Defendant used to be in a motor garage business with his father-in-law about six or seven years ago. The father-in-law had died last year. Defendant's father and mother and all his children were dead, but his wife, who was a mid-wife, lived at Shanghai Street. Defendant's brothers and sisters were in Siam.

On being sentenced defendant asked for the return of a fine as he wanted to go to Siam at the end of the month, but the Magistrate replied, "Why should I give you the option of a fine for your wife to pay?"

JAPAN TO TRY TO SAVE CONFERENCE

(Continued from Page 1.)

further before a pronouncement is finally made. The next formal meeting of the conference committee will be on Monday evening.—*Reuter.*

FRIENDLY TALKS

London, Jan. 9.

No meetings of the Naval Conference were held to-day. Informal discussions, however, took place between the British and Japanese delegations at the Foreign Office this afternoon. The conversations, which were most friendly and lasted an hour and a half, were undertaken with a view to considering the future procedure of the Conference.

The Japanese delegates expressed a desire that the subject of quantitative limitation pure and simple, and in view of this expression of opinion, it was agreed that the best plan would be to postpone tomorrow's meeting of the First Committee until Monday. In the meantime, soundings will be taken amongst the other delegations to ascertain whether they will be prepared to acquiesce in this proposal. Informal conversations will consequently take place to-morrow with other Powers.

DELEGATES ENTERTAINED

The delegates to the Conference were entertained by His Majesty's Government at a dinner to-night, at which the First Lord of the Admiralty, Viscount Montell, presided, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and other Ministers were present. In addition to the delegates the guests included foreign Ambassadors and Ministers, Dominion High Commissioners, and other leading military and naval personnel. The leader of the Opposition, Mr. C. R. Attlee.—*British Wireless.*

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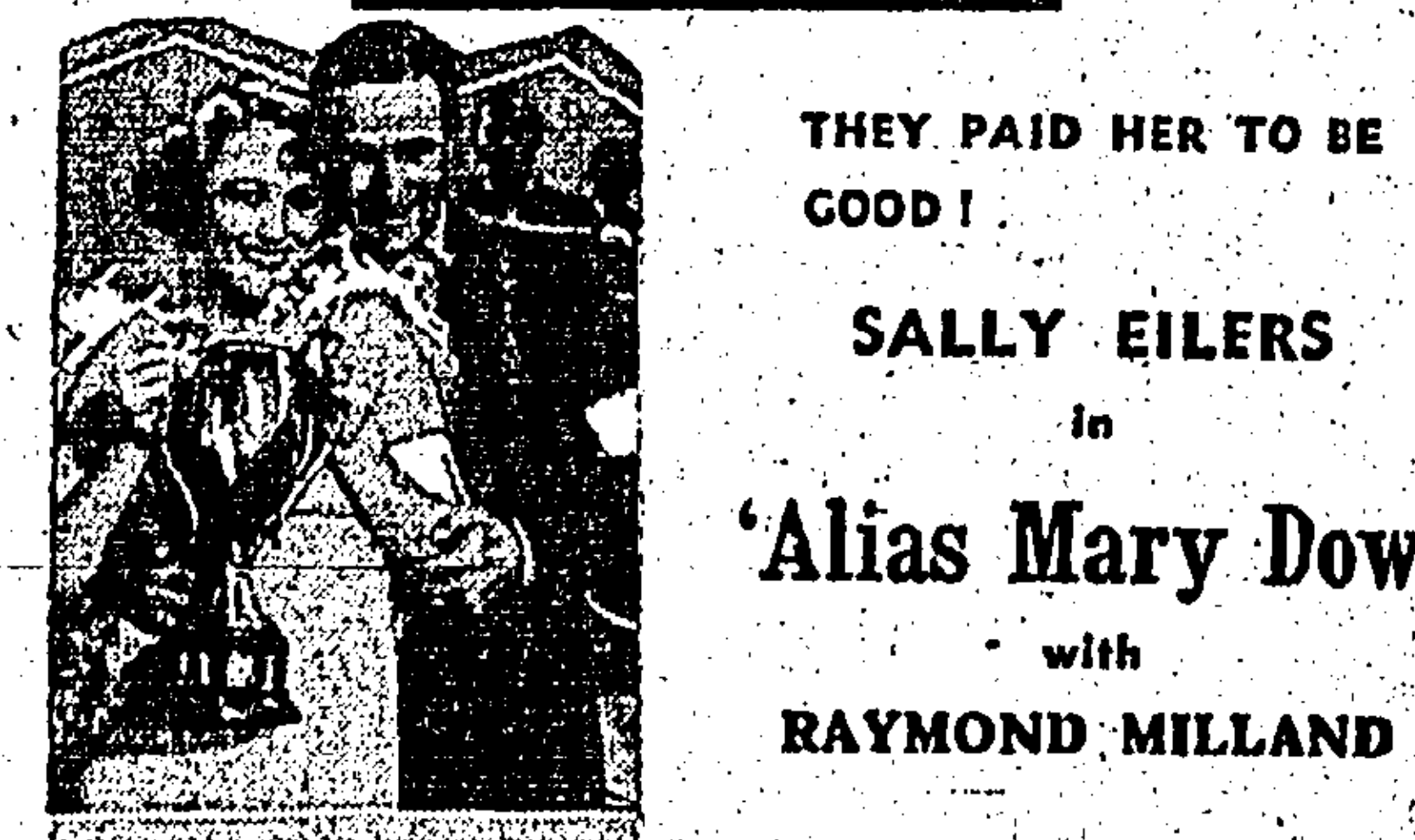


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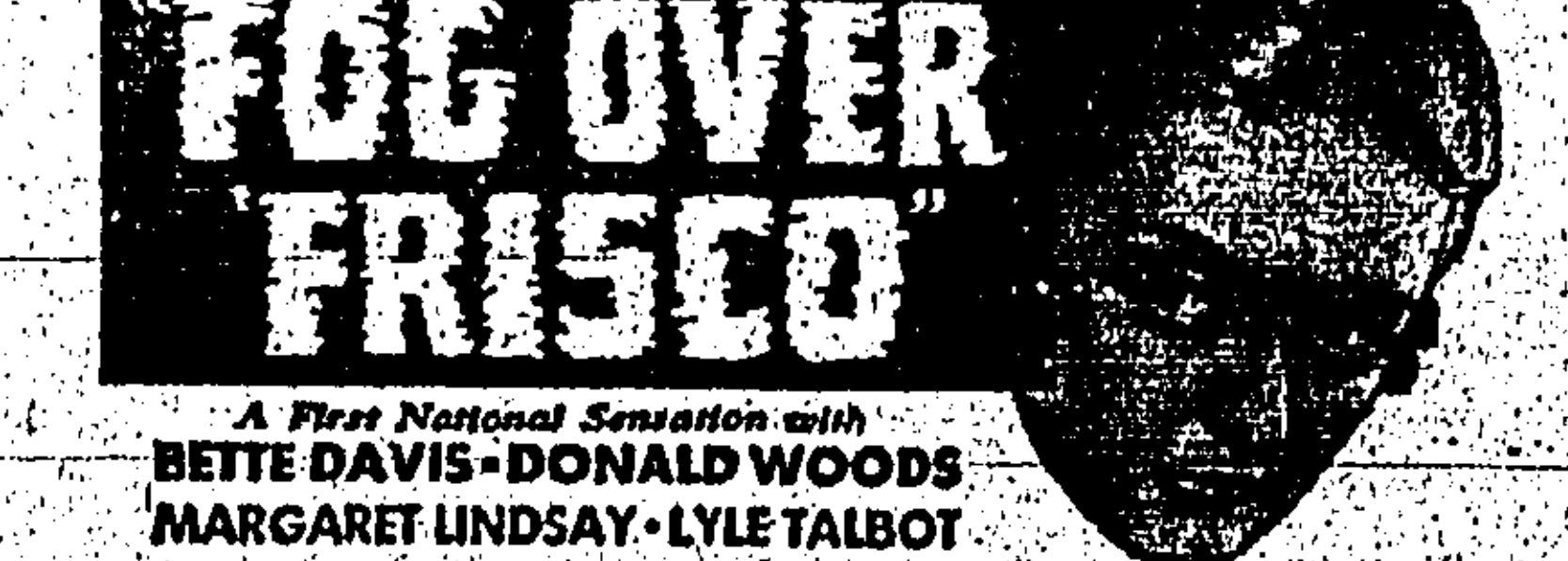
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